

ON THE RECORD

Summer trail cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail for trail cleanup day on Saturday, July 9. The first cleanup of the

summer will be in Plymouth Township on the section of the trail that parallels M-14. The group will meet at 9 a.m.



on Schookraft west of Haggerty. There is a lot of overgrown vegetation so bring work gloves, long-bladed shrub clippers, hand

trimmers, hand clippers, metal rakes or brooms. A gas-powered leaf blower would be a big help. Parking is allowed on the

grass next to the fence. Water and a light snack will be available.

For more information, call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Metro Trail on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Mazzoni directs Coen plays at Genitti's

Northville resident Orin Mazzoni is returning home July 14-16 to direct Ethan Coen's "Almost an Evening" at Genitti's Hole In The Wall in downtown Northville, Orin's coming from San Francisco where he is currently earning a master's degree in film studies from the Academy of Art University. Coming with Orin is the cast and crew from the original theatrical production he directed in May 2010 for two sold-out audiences in San Francisco.

The Coen brothers' films e some of the most critical acclaimed and iconic of our time "Raising Arizona", "Fargo", "No Country for Old Men", "Burn After Reading". Now, one half of the duo. Ethan Coen, adds playwriting to his eclectic bio. In these three short plays ("Four Benches", "Debate", and "Waiting") that ran to sold-out audiences off-Broadway in 2008, the theme is hell - both on earth and in the hereafter. Along with the theatrical showing of "Almost an Evening", Orin will also be screening his first short film "Larkin", which recently received acclaim practically sweeping the San Francisco Epidemic Film Festival, taking home awards for Best Actor, Best Cinematography, **Best Editing, Best Production** Design, and Best Sound Design.

Schools look at Emergency Manager Law Possible option for district's dire budget situation changes to employee wages, benefits and other employment conditions.

BY LOXNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

As the budget deadline approaches for Northville Public Schools, the Board of Education is still exploring options to come to grips with the shaky financial situation. Board President Joan Wadsworth said at the June 7 meeting the board has a possible option that is made available by the Emergency Manager Law, which was enacted earlier this year by the state of Michigan. She said it bears serious consideration as a potential means for offsetting the cuts impacting students and classrooms. According to the law, school districts

can ask the state to review the district's financial situation. If pursued, the Northville district could enter into a consent agreement with the state, which would then come in and review any aspect of the financial situation.

The board points out a portion of the law that could allow the district to suspend bargaining with unions on changes to employee wages, benefits and other employment conditions. This suspension could hypothetically come 30 days after the district enters into an agreement with the state. If the board decides to go down

If the board decides to go down this road the possible outcome, if an agreement is not reached with unions, could have the district establishing the wages, benefits and other conditions with the state rather than the unions.

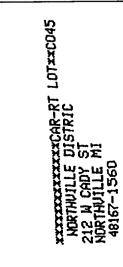
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Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, center, and Northville Beautification Commission President Marie Barr, to his right, dedicate the township's Friendship Garden on June 16. The garden, located at the township building at Six and Sheldon, has a small garden, benches, and a small courtyard where memorial bricks are in place. Residents can purchase memorial bricks for the garden through the Northville Township office.

Garden idea comes to fruition

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

The Friendship Garden has a welcoming feel to it; you might even say it would be a great place to stop and rest for a passerby.

This was one of the reasons

the Northville Beautification Commission and Garden Club got together to create this park-like spot.

Located in front of the Northville Township municipal offices, the new area gives the building on Sheldon and Six Mile roads a more natural setting with its stand of trees, mulch and variety of plantings. The plan for this had been in the works for some time, and because the township purposely kept the grouping of trees in the garden area, the idea for it took root with the volunteers wanting to make the setting more inviting. A dedication ceremony was held before the last board of trustees meeting. Many people attended to see the unveiling, which included a paver patio that had some personal-

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City water, sewer rates to rise

NEW RATES

The new rates, effective July 1, are as follows. Water: \$4.83/unit Sewer: \$4.25/unit Sewer (dual meter): \$2.21/unit and a service charge of \$7.07 per month

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

City of Northville residents will see an increase to their water and sewer bills after the city council approved the recommendation to adjust the rates of both by more than 30 cents.

The proposal came after the city approved its budget for the new fiscal year.

In the report recommendation to the council, Finance Director/Treasurer Sandi Wiktorowski stated one of the main reasons for doing this is to maintain an acceptable level of working capital funds in the water and sewer fund. She went on to say the purpose of maintaining working capital would be for cash flow and emergency expenditure purposes.

This is especially important based upon the age of the water and sewer system, need for contingency for capital projects in process, the relative likelihood of significant, unforeseen

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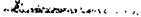
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LOCAL NEWS

Mittman receives Claude N. Ely Award

Recognized for his volunteerism, service to Northville

BY LONNIE HURMAN CORRESPONDENT

For Jerry Mittman the goal has always been to have a positive impact, and now his longtime service to the community has led the City of Northville to pay tribute to him with the Claude N. Ely Award.

Mayor Chris Johnson and the city council honored Mittman early this month by presenting him with this distinction, which is not given out each year. It is bestowed only upon someone who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the community.

"As a dedicated volunteer, Jerry exemplifies the intent of this award for his outstanding service to our community." Johnson said during the presentation.

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Johnson said the award was started in memory of Northville's first mayor, Claude Ely, shortly after his death. According to Johnson, a group of Ely's friends got together to remember his fine qualities. The quality that this group especially wanted to remember was that of citizenship.

Mittman has served in various capacities, from the City Council and Planning **Commission to his current** position as chairperson of the Senior Advisory Commission. He said he is very grateful to be recognized for his volunteer work.

"I'm very appreciative to have received this, and it feels good to know the community appreciates what you are doing," he said.

Mittman said every role he has been in carries certain challenges and responsibilities, and he respects each one. The city council is in charge of the bigger picture while the planning commission has a major impact on the development within the community. Throughout his time, keeping the overall good of Northville in mind remained priority number one, he said.

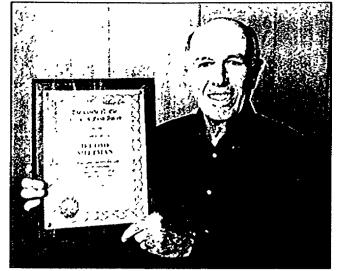
He said he wouldn't have done the work if he didn't like it, but he does. And it also helps to work with great people.

"I've really enjoyed working with the residents, city staff and the many other individuals who help make the City

of Northville a great place to live," he said.

Some of the things he is most proud of are the development of the downtown and the challenge'of overcoming the lost revenue from Northville Downs back in 1991. He said this was significant because the State of Michigan made a cut to the revenue overnight, which was equivalent to 25 percent of the City of Northville's general fund revenue. It was a significant challenge to make up for, but he, the mayor and city council did.

Another memorable accomplishment was leading the way to have most city-owned open spaces that are natural areas or used as park areas to be officially designated as parks.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville resident Jerry Mittman was recently awarded the Claude N. Ely Memorial Fund Award for his civic spirit and volunteering of his time in many committees.

"By doing this, these parcels are protected from future development without a vote of the people, and then 60 percent would have to approve a change in use,' he said of this work. "These parcels are preserved for future generations to enjoy and use."

And finally, one of the bigger successes was being

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"At this point, we remain hopeful that, working with our employee groups, we can collaboratively address this financial crisis without state involvement," Wadsworth said.

The school board is currently in negotiations with the unions. Northville Education Association President Ann Cook, who represents the teachers unions, could not be reached for comment.

The board and administration have stated they are taking a two-pronged approach in dealing with the cuts in district indicates this may selder hinding with the states a state of the state o

zfor the upcoming school year ... Continue to advocate with lawmakers in Lansing for legislative relief, and communicate with the employee groups

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a part of the partnership that city has with the school district and Northville Township. He said this has been the most instrumental aspect in making Northville a great place to live.

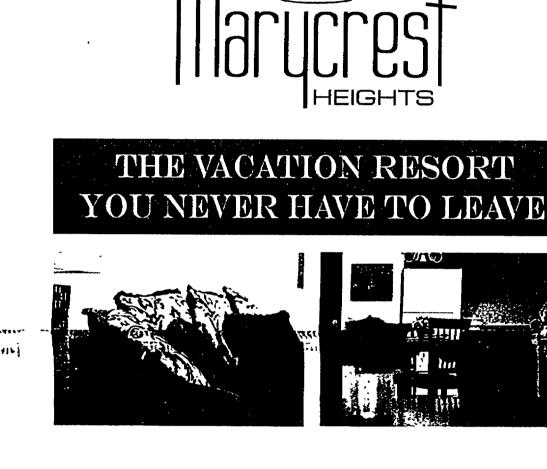
He said he will remain active in this "great town" and keep trying to make a positive contribution. Mayor Ely would be proud.

of the need to achieve cost reductions through the collective bargaining process. The latest from the negotiation table has health insurance as a main obstacle in a

final agreement. The board has presented the union with a wage and health insurance proposal. The union has stated its intent to obtain a bid from MESSA for health insurance; however, it is the board's position that the district continue to be the policy holder for its health insurance.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the projected cut from the state will be more than \$500 per pupil. And the

A final budget decision was expected at the board meeting June 28. Go to www.home-townlife.com for the story.



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Sounds of Summer Live music sets stage for fun in downtown Northville

Nothing adds to the fes-tive spirit of downtown Northville in the summertime like live music filling the shop-lined streets and outdoor cafes. This season is stocked full of free performances, from the rockin' Friday Night Concert Series to family-friendly Tunes on Tuesdays, both in Northville's Town Square Pavilion. The venue, strung with lights overhead and decorated with climbing "ivy and a modern outdoor stage, is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the sweet sounds of summer. Other opportunities to see live music include Open Mic Wednesdays at Broughton Music, and two concerts during the First Friday Experience on July 1.

First Friday Experience: 6-9 p.m. July 1 throughout downtown; free

Northville's First Friday Experience kicks off each month with shops, restaurants and galleries open until 9 p.m. and offering special deals. This month's event features the chance to see two live bands on two separate stages. In Town Square, First Presbyterian Church presents "Stars and Stripes Forever," part of Northville's ongoing Friday Night Concert Series. Sing along as 10 professional brass musicians from metro Detroit play patriotic American songs. After the show, walk to the nearby church for an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Later that same night, The Shawn Riley Band performs down the street on the terrace of Northville Square at 9:15 p.m. This favorite hometown band plays hits

from the late '50's through today, with Irish and Celtic selections, a bit of country and blues, and a whole lot of energy.

Friday Night Concert Series: 7-9 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 26 at Town Square Pavilion; free

This popular concert series, managed by Northville Parks & **Recreation**, brings friends and neighbors together in Town Square. Grab a seat at one of the many tables, bring your own chair or stay on your feet for dancing at these upcoming shows: • July 1: First

Presbyterian Church (American) July 8: Randy Brock

Group (blues) • July 15: Shawn Riley

Band (top 40 hits) • July 22: Steve King and the Dittlies (Detroit rock 'n'

roll) • July 29: Zap Toro (Latin flavor)

• Aug. 5: Buy Michigan Now Festival/Michael May and the Messarounds (jazzy blues)

• Aug. 12: The Crutches (top rock and dance hits) • Aug. 19: Gia Warner

(rock classics) Aug. 26: Justine Blazer

(rock/country) For more information,

contact Northville Parts & Recreation at 248-349-0203.

Tunes on Tuesdays: 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 21-Aug. 30 at Town Square Pavilion; free

Kids cut loose during these family-friendly concerts featuring performers that parents enjoy too. Favorites such as



The Shawn Riley Band will perform top 40 songs on July 8 as part of the Friday Night Concert Series in the Town Square Pavilion.

Zippity2Dads and the Saline Fiddlers rock out each week, and keep you and your little ones dancing and singing along. Sponsored by the Northville Downtown **Development Authority** and Northville Parks & Recreation, the concerts are staged at Genitti's Little Theatre if it rains. Here's the fun-filled line-up:

• June 21: Gemini (twin brothers lead singalongs and finger plays from around the world)

• June 28: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express (audience participation and humor)

• July 5: The Gratitude Steel Drum Band

(Caribbean, Hawaiian and African sounds) · July 12: The Music Lady

(Beverly Meyer plays a wide variety of children's music) July 19: Rick Kelley

(interactive songs that encourage kids to read) • July 26: Palamazoo

(Susan Harrison performs folksy originals)

• Aug. 2: Mr. Seley (rock-

in' schoolteacher makes learning fun)

• Aug. 9: Saline Fiddlers (students create music that reflects rural tradition)

• Aug. 16: Zippitv2Dads (energetic and educational)

• Aug. 23: Imagination Theater (music and story-

Broughton Music Open

Mic Nights: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday nights in July;

If you want to do more than just listen to live music, step onstage yourself during Broughton Music and Arts Center's Open Mic nights.

Held in Old Church Square, the open air courtyard outside the popular music store at the corner of Center and Dunlap, the events invite students, singers, soloists, duet's and

bands to participate. "It's whoever shows up," said Zepharine "Zep" **Higgins of Broughton** Music. "It's a chance for

local bands and musicians to play, practice and perform in the public and get exposure."

The evenings also include featured performers who get the party started:

• July 6: The HoboSoul Band (Americana, blues and country)

• July 13: The J.D. Rockinfellers ('70s pop, originals, bluegrass and Irish music on guitar and mandolin) • July 20: Nick

Grochowicz (soulful twotime winner of Northville's Talent for the Title competition)

• July 27: Firth & Foremost (husband and wife team, joined by Broughton Music owner Laurie Jarski, play folk, pop and Irish music)

For more information, contact Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown **Development Authority**, at (248) 349-0345 or lori-.warddda@comcast.net; or visit www.downtownnorthville.org.

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repairs and eventual replacement and projects that could require immediate attention due to street construction or other capital improvements," her recommendation stated.

A big factor for the rate hikes are the ones passed down by Northville's suppliers. The rate for water purchased from the city of Detroit will increase by 10.6 percent as of July 1. At the same time, Wayne County sewage disposal charges will be increasing approximately 13.9 percent.

In the past the city has been able to offset the rate increases from these two entities by maintaining consistency of the financial condition of this fund. Various needs are on the horizon. The updating of the six-year capital improvement plan for the water and sewer fund has put in place a plan that identifies \$3,085,725 of proposed projects through 2016.

Wiktorowski said this capital improvement program focuses on water system improvements identified as priorities by Wade-Trim as discussed in a municipal water system improvements report presented to the Northville City Council in 1997.

In addition, she stated the city has placed an emphasis on proactive maintenance of the sewer system.

Because of city ordinances, this decision was solely in the hands of the city council. No public hearings were required.

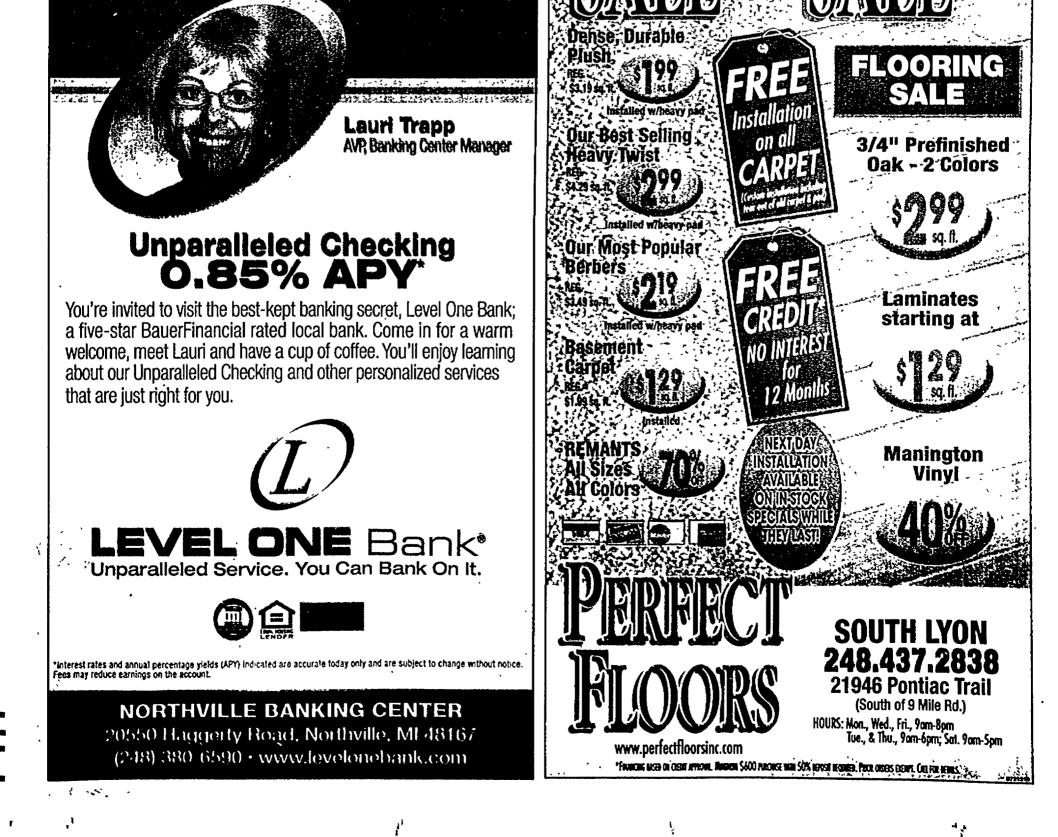
However, during the budget process the community did have the opportunity to voice opinions on the whole plan, which included the idea of increasing the rates.

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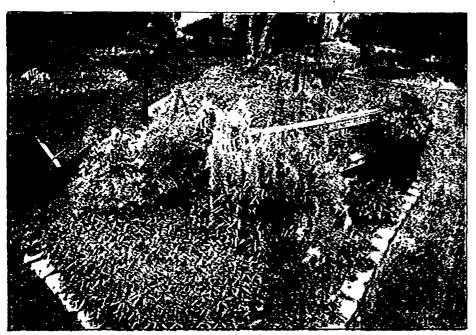
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Garden Walk

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The Country Garden Club of Northville is getting ready for its 18th Annual Garden Walk 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Six beautiful, diverse gardens will be featured in the Northville community. You can visit historic Mill Race Village after the gardens or any time throughout the day and enjoy homemade refreshments at the Cady Inn, music on the green and garden vendors throughout the village grounds. Tickets are on sale at Gardenviews at 117 Main Street, Northville or through the website at www.cgcnv.org for \$10 each. On the day of the walk, tickets will be available at Gardenviews and Mill Race Village. Barbara and Gary Sixt have been developing multiple gardens over a period of 35 years; it's a haven for relaxation and a place where nature, fove and peace reside. Their yard (pictured) -- at 16736 Dundalk Lane; south on Winchester) provides a spectacular show of color and texture no matter what the season is. Majestic maples and blue spruce were grown from seedlings. Lush beds of perennials thrive in sunlight while multiple decks and patios shelter shade-foving plants. Unique garden ornaments and containers add intriguing accents.



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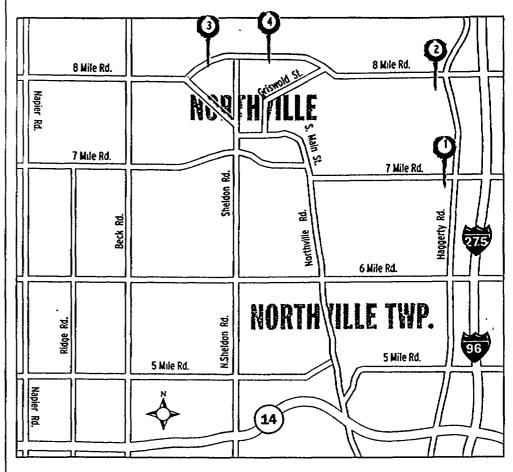
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NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Trespassing

On June 19, Northville Township police arrested five individuals for trespassing on the property of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

While on patrol around 2 a.m. an officer spotted a suspicious vehicle parked at Rocky's of Northville. Thirty minutes earlier it had not been there. Knowing the history of trespassers onto the property, the police checked it out.

The report stated one officer had observed four individuals near the main building of the vacant property, but they ran once contact with them was attempted. Eventually, five persons under the age of 20 and all from Garden City were apprehended near Seven Mile Road.

They said they had been inside the building and went up to the second floor. Each was arrested for trespassing and obstructing police arrests.

Retail Fraud Theft-Second Degree

2A 59-year-old was arrested for attempted theft from the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road after he claimed he did not remember what he did.

On June 19, a Northville Township police officer responded to a call from the Kohl's loss prevention officer stating they had a suspect in custody. The loss prevention officer informed the police that he had observed the man placing, items within a bag; and also saw him take mens spray and a watch from boxes only to conceal them on him. He then attempted to leave the store.

He told the police he could not remember what he did. There was over \$700 worth of merchandise in the bag he was carrying.

Larceny of Bicycle

3 Sometime during the day of June 15, a girl had her bike stolen while she was at school.

A 42-year-old Northville woman reported to police that the bike she bought for her daughter to ride to and from school had been taken while it was parked near the pedestrian bridge on Eight Mile Road. The girl attends Moraine Elementary. She had left the bike unsecured, but with a cluster of others.

The bike is a Pacific Tucson 18 speed bike, and is chrome in color.

Operating a vehicle while

impaired and property damage

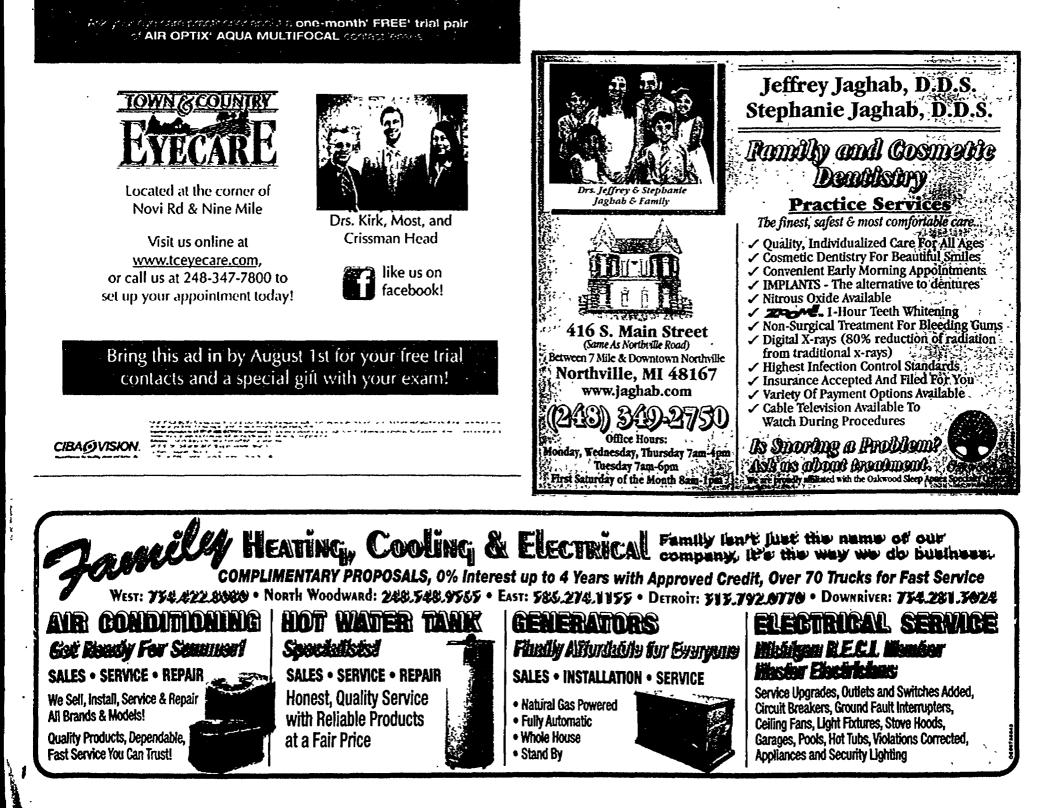
4On the early morning of June 15 Northville City police responded to a crash report that had them nabbing a drunken driver.

The crash occurred near Novi Street and Eight Mile Road. Police found a Ford Focus with its air bags deployed and front-end heavily damaged. The vehicle was occupied by only the driver, a 28-year-old Northville man. He had no serious injuries, but did say his arm was sore.

The man had hit a telephone pole, which he said he did as he was trying to locate a map on his cellular telephone. The reporting officer stated the man smelled of intoxicants and had bloodshot eyes. After swaying through the field sobriety tests, the police asked the man to take a preliminary breathalyzer test, but he refused.

He was then arrested for operating while impaired, damage to property and failure to take the PBT. The man finally took the test at the department and it registered a .04 percent blood-alcohol content.

Compiled by correspondent Lonnie Huhman



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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Read and Relax in Michigan State Parks with free park passes from the library

Spend a lazy day with a good book in the great outdoors, compliments of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Library of Michigan and Northville District Library.

Northville library cardholders can "check-out" a one-day pass that waives the Recreation Passport entry fee into any Michigan state park or recreation area. This \$10 savings also provides a one-time, free access to more than 500 events taking place in state parks throughout the summer. To make the day even more relaxing, some of the state parks are offering the loan of a hammock.

The Northville District Library has been a part of the Park & Read program since its inception in 2009. "We are pleased to be able to offer the Park & Read program again this year. The program allows our patrons the opportunity to enjoy Michigan's natural beauty with family and friends. Hopefully, they can relax and read a good book in one of our beautiful parks," said Julie Herrin, library director.

Passes are valid for seven days from checkout and can be used for one day at any one of Michigan's 98 state parks. Passes are valid for day use only. The program runs through Oct. 1.

For more information on the program and a complete list of participating libraries, hammock availability and park events taking place throughout the state, visit our www.northvillelibrary.org and click on Park & Read at the bottom of our website, or visit www. michigan.gov/stateparks.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Please call the library at (248) 349-3020 with any questions.

Heise helping end retiree health care for lawmakers

State Rep. Kurt Heise voted Thursday in favor of legislation ending retiree health care benefits for Michigan lawmakers.

House Bill 4087 ends the taxpayer-funded health care that lawmakers currently receive once they turn 55, after only serving six years in the Legislature. The change would affect all legislators who took office as of Jan. 1, 2007, along with all future lawmakers.

"I don't take part in the state health care plan now or plan

'Fancy Nancy' Faye Cramton helps "Fancy Nancy" party attendee Courtney Cohen, 6, to decorate a tiara on June 22 during a festive day at Northville's Mill Race Village. Cramton designed a day around the popular children's book character "Fancy Nancy" and gave the girls a storytime, crafts that they could make, including a scarf, and then all enjoyed a fancy tea party (where juice stood in for the real thing).



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party for girls at Northville's Mill Race Village.



on doing so in the future," said Heise, R-Plymouth. This is why I fully support this bill, and see it as an important step that truly highlights our need to cut spending and improve efficiency in our state."

Michigan lawmakers took a 10-percent pay cut that started in January, and also saw budget reductions for their individual Lansing offices.

HB 4087 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Golf Classic raises \$250,000 for new South Pavilion

Over 260 golfers participated in the 2011 St. Mary Mercy Hospital "Tee It Up" Golf Classic on June 20, raising over \$250,000 to support the hospital's new 154,000square-foot South Pavilion addition which includes a new state-ofthe-art emergency center and two floors of all-private patient rooms on the southwest side of campus, as well as the renovation of current semi-private patient rooms to private rooms on the north end of campus.

The Golf Classic, presented by Phillips Service Industries, Inc., was held at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. This year, over 100 businesses offered a variety of monetary and in-kind gifts to make this event such a success.

The overall winning team with the best score was IDN Hardware Sales, Inc. - Ken Heeren, Fritz Dixon, Bob Jarosz and Mike Keller.

For more information about the hospital's new South Pavilion. visit www.stmarymercy.org/constructionupdates. To make a gift to support St. Mary Mercy Hospital's South Pavilion project, contact the Development Office at (734) 655-2980.



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ized bricks placed within it and were purchased by residents who wanted to help make the garden more personalized.

Township Supervisor Mark Abbo welcomed everyone to the ceremony, saying this has been five years in the making and it is meant to be a lasting tribute to the work of the Beautification Commission, Garden Club and volunteers who take time to add special touches of visual beauty to the township. He pointed out the leadership of commission chairperson Marie Barr and Barbara O'Brien as crucial in making this happen.

We identified this area to be preserved when we first began planning for this building, and I couldn't think of a better place to put this garden," Abbo said.

For O'Brien and the others, the idea really started taking shape when beautification commission member Dorothy Mack began talking about planting hosta plants in the area. From there she said the goal was to make it a place for as much plant diversity as possible so it could be a unique and nice spot.

She believes they are off to a great start.

"I think it looks great, and adding to it will only make it better," O'Brien said. "It really could be a great place to rest for joggers or walkers going by."

Because it is an ongoing project there are still plenty of bricks to be filled to celebrate milestones such as births, anniversaries, honors, memorials and special events.

Get in touch with Diane Jefferson at (248) 348-5800 ext. 10202 if you would like to put your signature on the garden with a brick or go to the following link to see the form www.northvillemich.com/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=485.

O'Brien said there are plenty of other ways to get involved as well besides going to meetings or buying a brick; volunteers can help with such things as the planting days.

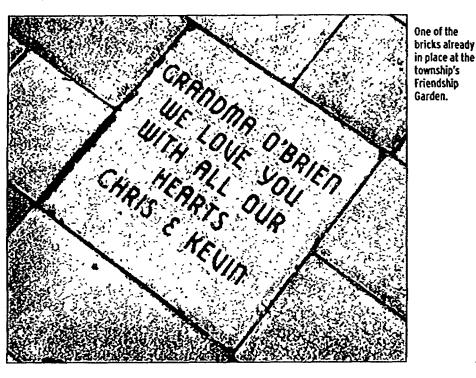
That's what makes us so unique - we have great volunteers who really help out," she said.

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Julie Mantay sits with her arm around her mother Barbara O'Brien at the June 16 dedication of the Northville Township Friendship Garden.



Purple Heart to be awarded at Northville parade

DETAILS

Conrad Podolski-Dowel will receive a Purple Heart which he earned in the Korean War during the Independence Day Parade through downtown July 4 after the National Anthem in front of City Hall.

After high school, the Northville resident, uncertain of his future, decided to enter the Trapist Monk's Monastery in Kentucky. After one year and for health reasons, Dowel found it necessary to change careers. The Korean War was in full force, and Dowel decided to serve his country as an Army combat medic in Korea. He served three years in the military and was honorably discharged in 1953.

During his time in Korea and as part of his job as a medic, he was loading wounded soldiers onto a vehicle when it was hit by a bomb. His arms and back were injured, and he was hospitalized in Japan for several weeks. He earned the Purple Heart (but was never awarded) because of the injuries sustained while helping the wounded soldiers.

After his recuperation he was sent to Japan to train as one of the first Airborne Rangers; he also continued as a medic for the injured on the front line.

After his discharge from the military he decided to pursue a career psychotherapy, earning his PhD in both philosophy and education. He became a child psychotherapist in several school systems. working with special needs children until he retired in

The Northville Independence Day parade is hosted by the Northville Community Foundation for the 13th year, and the sponsor is St. Mary Mercy Hospital. It begins at 10 a.m. at Griswold and Main streets in downtown. For more information about entering the parade, you must pre-register by calling (248) 374-0200.

1985. To demonstrate his caring, it was at this time that Mr. Podolski changed his name to Dowel because it would be easier for the children to pronounce.

Through all of this, somehow his Purple Heart was never received. The reason? "I was trying to figure

out who do I contact," said Dowel.

Fortunately, Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone had once worked with Dowel and was able to put him in touch with the right person, Jim Dempsey of the Disabled American Veterans. Dowel began this journey about 18 months ago. There was a fire at a military storage area in Chicago where Dowell's records were. He then had to retrace his military career right back to Korea and Japan to verify that he was in the military and was wounded while on duty. Thanks to photos, armbands and medical records in Japan, his service and injuries were all verified.

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Superintendent honors pair of deserving students

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski capped off his career by presenting the Superintendent's Award to two students who epitomize everything the award means.

Handed out each year to the student who has achieved significant success in the classroom and outside of it as well, it has become a way for Rezmierski to single out those who have overcome life-altering events to reach high academic accomplishment.

During his presentation at graduation, he said Kellie Lorrain and Natalie Lomske both exemplify and embody the spirit of this award.

"These two students have demonstrated the strength of their will and their spirit, which has been magnified during their four years at our high school," he said. "They are, indeed, worthy of this special honor."

This month has culminated their high school careers, and all of their hard work and perseverance has been rewarded with tributes and scholarships. For both students, who were born with Muscular Dystrophy, it could not get any better.

"It's a big honor, and I'm very appreciative of it," Kellie said.

She and Natalie were also awarded Northville Rotary scholarships. In her essay for this, Kellie referenced her determination to achieve in spite of the obstacles. During her freshman year, she had additional medical issues which required her having a tracheotomy and the eventual need for a ventilator. However, she was not

deterred in the least. In the essay she stated some

people may have given up after that, but not Kellie; she only strove on more to overcome. Her perspective after the event was to "wake up excited for what every day brings," and "to live to the fullest."

She went on to a high school career that included the National Honors Society, choir, drama club and community service to help raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy causes.

Her hard work earned her a 3.6 grade-point average, scholarships and entry into Eastern Michigan University where she

will attend this fall to study education with the hope of eventually teaching elementary school.

She will miss Northville High School, from the teachers who inspired her and students who made her smile. And there are some little things she will miss, too, like the Tuesday hot lunch meal consisting of chicken and mashed potatoes.

Natalie shares Kellie's motivation of overcoming the perceived limitations, and has kept the plan of getting a college education and degree as her number one goal.

"I have always thought that for me to succeed and do what I want I would need a degree, so that motivated me throughout high school."

That goal led her to achieve a 3.75 grade point average and to become a member of the National Honors Society.

She was also a drama Club member for three years and a member of the National Thespian Society. Her love for writing also led to her writing a play while at NHS, and another one of her scripts was as a top five entry in the VSA Arts Kennedy Center contest. Community service has



Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski (right) awards the Superintendent's Award to Natalie Lomske (left) and Kellie Lorrain on June 5 during graduation ceremonies.

also been a big factor in her life. She is the founder and president of Teen's Care for a Cause and has been extensively involved with the Muscular Dystrophy cause.

In addition to her other honors, she received the Elroy Ellison Scholarship and Rosa pat Parks Scholarship for her essay suc

on Rosa Parks. She will be attending the University of Michigan this fall and hopes to pursue her love for film and writing, and environmental biology. Whatever path she takes, she is sure to succeed.

She offered these words to others trying to overcome obstacles: "Make yourself motivated by setting goals. Finding a reason to work for will help you succeed," she said.

Northville schools' winter break schedule changed

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

A change to the high school winter break schedule for next year has one Northville parent distressed, and it's his hope that this type of miscommunication will not happen again.

again. "My only complaint is how it was handled," said John Cauffiel, a Northville resident and parent of two high school students. "There are no hard feelings, but I hope the school district will be consistent in the future."

Cauffiel took his complaint before the

Board of Education President Joan Wadsworth apologized to him for not advising the parents about a possible change. He also recently received an apology letter from Rezmierski, which Cauffiel commended him for.

A communication has now been sent to parents, students and staff informing them that Northville Public Schools has received approval from the Michigan Department of Education to make an adjustment in the scheduled winter break for the 2011-12 school year.

Northville schools work the schedule according to the Wayne County common mencing on Dec. 24, 2011 through Jan. 8, 2012. Rezmierski said the district shared the concerns expressed by parents and educators that these dates could be problematic for many. Rezmierski stated that he is pleased to report that the MDE, with the support of Wayne County RESA, approved a deviation allowing Northville Public Schools to schedule its 2011-12 winter break from Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 through Monday, Jan. 2, with classes resuming on Tuesday, Jan. 3. He further stated he believes this adjustment more closely mirrors past calendars and will be a positive change for the majority of the students, staff and families.

Silver Springs school working toward developing leaders

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

A new ingredient will be added to the learning mix at Silver Springs, and it aims to be a big change.

Silver Springs is beginning the process to become a "Leader in Me" elementary school. The ultimate goal of this is to instill in students personal leadership, responsibility and modern day life skills that are required to succeed.

Principal Scott Snyder, along with school speech pathologist Marianne Berry and second-grade teacher Cheryl Sepich, organized a parent informational night to troduce how the school plans to integrate into the classroom the use of author Steven Covey's books "Leader in Me" and "The Seven Habits of Happy Kids." This summer many school staff members will participate in training, so come September they can begin using this framework. Snyder said after a school-wide survey it was determined everyone is on board with trying it. *Everyone, from our custodians to the teachers, will be a part of the program's vision training," Snyder said. "We are moving into this process with an intentional plan."

attendance. He said many of the virtues of this framework are in place at the school, but what makes this different is the proactive style it empowers in the children. The big thing is leadership.

⁶Kids love to have leadership roles," Yauch explained. "Helping them figure out what they like and then helping them excel in it is one way teachers can help students to find their roles."

And Yauch said it has worked -- 30 other schools in Michigan are using these methods (including Novi Public Schools, which uses it district-wide), pointing to the positive effects it has had on achievement, self-

confidence, and a re-invigorated staff. The school has and is paying for the

board of education, and he was told by Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski that the change had come about after his office received information from athletic groups and other families about the lateness in returning to work one week later in January when most people have to return right after the new year begins.

Cauffiel said he had purchased flight tickets in preparation for the break, but before he did he had checked with the school district to confirm the times. He said he planned around the schedule that was told to him, but that schedule changed, and he became perturbed at the district for not properly informing the parents.

"Many families will be financially burdened by this," he said at the time. Steven Yauch, a representative from the Covey Foundation, was on hand to give a presentation to the nearly 30 parents in training and implementation through contributions from parents and non-profits. This is enabling 50 staff members to receive the training, which will be passed on to others.

Sepich said she and some other teachers had taken to the books after forming a book club. It eventually led them to Beaumont Elementary in Waterford, Mich. for a tour of a "lighthouse school" that is successfully using the program. Upon walking into the school, she immediately knew there was something different.

"Every child I saw made eye contact and took the lead in welcoming the visiting adults to the school," she said. "This was very unique."

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Holiday Helpers: Northville trio needs help launching nonprofit

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

A group of Northville college students have a plan to help kids who are in the hospital during the holiday season by starting a nonprofit and calling it Holiday Helpers.

However, they need some help.

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This idea took root during a stay in the hospital at Christmas time one of them had experienced. Christine Colleran, a graduate of Northville High School and currently attending Grand Valley State University, said when she was younger she had some problems with her kidneys, causing her to have an extended hospital stay dur-ing one of the best times of the year.

"As you can imagine, the mood in the hospital is not quite the same of the joyous holidays that those who are well get to experience," Colleran recalled her own feelings about this. "Fortunately, people visited and donated presents to me and fellow kids in the children's ward. This was something that improved not only my mood, but the mood of my stressed-out family as well."

She has teamed up with a group of friends that include two others from Northville - Alissa Bailey and Kyle Richard -- to set about starting an organization to carry on the type of help she received during that time. They have done something similar to this the last couple of years, but because of hospital restrictions it would be easier for them to help out if they became a nonprofit, certified volunteer group.

They are looking for any type of help, from donation of newer toys to general advice



Northville High School alumni and friends (I to r) Kyle Richard, Christine Colleran and Allissa Bailey are teaming up to start a nonprofit called Holiday Helpers to bring toys and gifts to kids stuck in hospitals at Christmas time.

on how to take on such a big challenge. Becoming an 501c3 nonprofit has been a struggle both financially and from a business aspect, but they are moving forward to the best of their abilities and with the assistance of an attorney they

want to make this happen this year.

"We have a lot support from friends and family," said Bailey, also of GVSU. "But any help would be good help because we want to be as cost effective as possible. There are no salaries. We just want to give as much as we can back to the kids and families in this situation.

Holiday Helpers will be seasonal, so the group can properly attend to their academic responsibilities. Their stud-

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ies will help with the project. Colleran is a psychology major, Bailey is in finance and Kyle Richard is studying social work.

They want to set up a website, but in the meantime they can be reached by email at collerac@mail.gvsu.edu.

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Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-1115 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult **Classes, Youth Blast** Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do



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COLONE, TERRY

Age 76, passed away, June 24, 2011. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, July 7th at 1000am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI. Please call PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for further details, 248-437-1616



SELDEN, CHARLES "DICK"

Age 80, passed away June 24, 2011. He was born on August 22, 1930, in Detroit, son of the late Ralph and Mary Selden. Dick was a dedicated councilman of the South Lyon City Council. He is survived by his beloved wife Madelyn of 58 years, his children: Richard Selden, Lucia (Bruce) Millington and Robert Selden and his adoring granddaughters: Heather and Sarah. He is also survived by his brother David Selden and his sister Nancy Shoemaker. Visitation was held on Monday, June 27, from 3.00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral serv-ion was held on Funday. Image at ice was held on Tuesday, June 28, at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Age 61 and a resident of Milford. died on June 21, 2011. She is survived by Robert, her beloved husband of over forty-one years, her daughter, Tara (Chris) Hall of Livonia, and grandsons, Aidan and Keegan. Also surviving are her stepfather, Harold Prehn; her sister, Pam Novy; nephews, Michael (Melanie) and Richard (Megan) Novy; motherin-law, June Stone; sister-in-law, Jeanne Benson and many dear friends. Memorial Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Memorials may be made in her name to the Michigan Humane Society.

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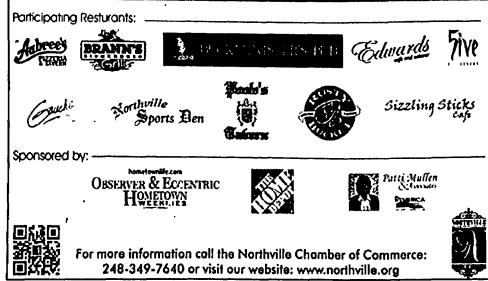
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Three concepts presented for Seven Mile Property

Residents' input still needed, sought online

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Final decision on any master plan for the Northville Township owned property along Seven Mile Road is still down the road, but a big step toward that was reached as the board of trustees was presented with three concept plans generated through the input and participation of township residents through online questionnaires and community design meetings.

A special study meeting was held at the township offices on June 22 with the intent of updating the board of trustees so they could then offer their input as well. Stantec, who has been contracted to assist in the plan's design process, had planners give the board a point-by-point analysis of three park concepts. Stephen Plunkard, of Stantec, said to the board the special meeting should be about the project's progress, a review of the plans and possible next steps. The next step did come out of the board's discussion of the plans. One thing is apparent for a potential plan -- it must have a revenue generating aspect to it.

Supervisor Mark Abbo led discussion regarding a concept of setting aside up to 50 acres of the 350 for the express purpose of generating money to help support and sustain the surrounding community area with various amenities. All were in agreement that something which created revenue would help make the developed area become "selfsustainable."

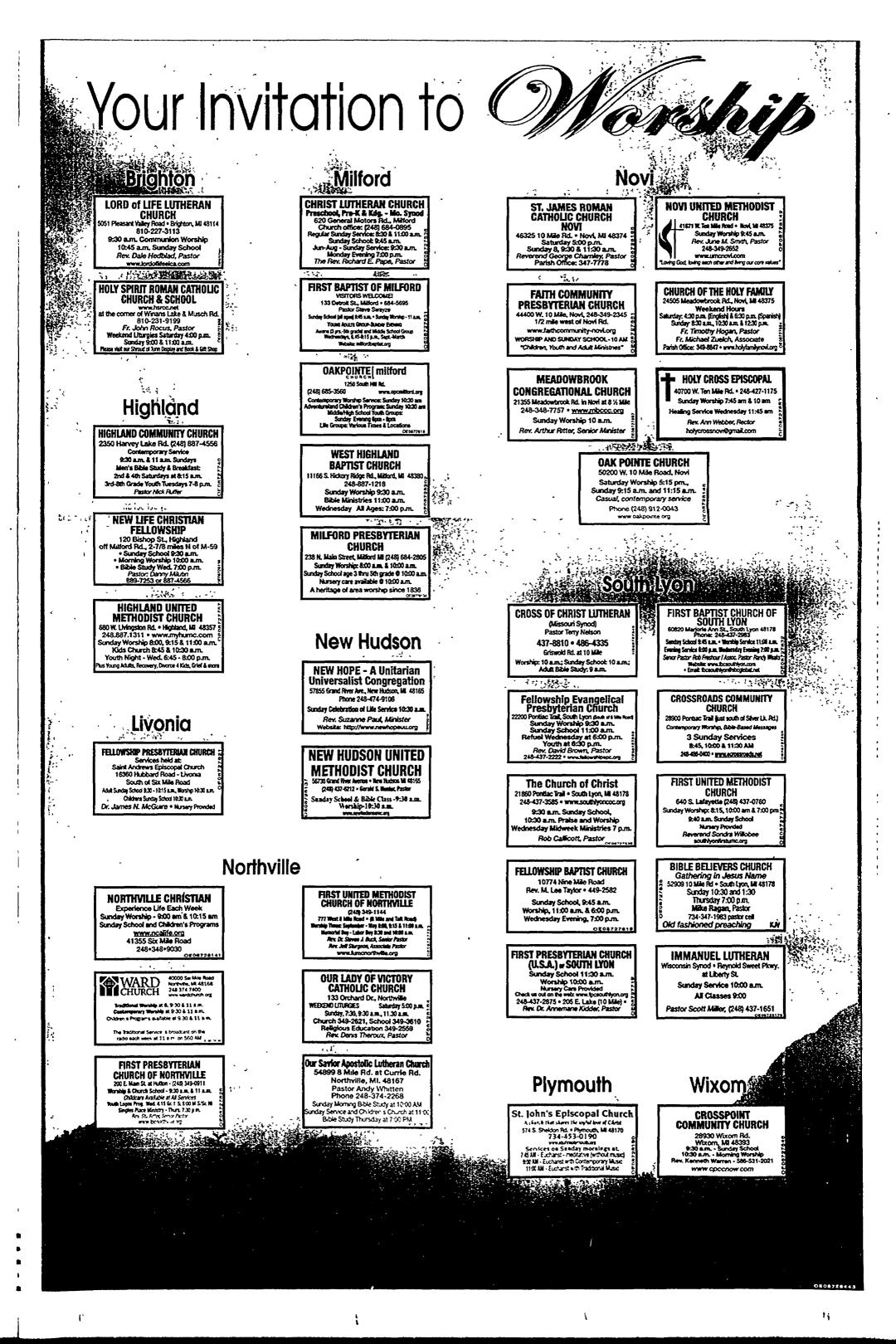
Abbo said through the millage election, which gave the township a green light to purchase the over 400 acres along Seven Mile, the community made it clear they "wanted a development that would not burden them with costs." Any costs should be alleviated by giving the plan an element of business possibilities. He added the idea of selling it for revenue purposes is possible. But the board was in agree-

ment it should mix well with what would be around it.

Both trustees Christopher Roosen and Mindy Hermann wondered how they would get to the final concept, which should accurately gauge the public's input. A similar idea was expressed by trustee Marjorie Banner. She said the township must make it a point to keep the public involved so any final master plan will have its stamp of approval.

"For this to maintain credibility, the citizens need to be able to have input," Banner said.

There is still time to fill out a questionnaire/survey through the township website. Another immediate next step for the plan is to explore the idea of having a small piece of the property directly along Seven Mile to be used as a revenue producer. Details on how this could be done are needed.



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Northville American Legion Post 147 Commander Dennis Strikulis (right) and Legion Auxillary's Cris Doring (left) greet Stuart's ice cream shop namesake and owner Paul Gabriel. The business donated nearly \$600 to the Legion's Poppy Campaign.

Area business helps out American Legion Post

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Stuart's of Novi worked hard on Memorial Day, knowing it was going to help the veterans for which the day is rightfully about.

Stuart's recently gave the Northville American Legion Post a generous donation to help veterans and their families.

Cris Doering, a member of the Legion Auxiliary, said the donation "really came out of the blue "and everyone at Post 147 is very grateful for it. According to Paul Gabriel, owner of Stuart's, the ice cream, frozen yogurt and custard shop in Novi gave exactly 25 percent of their sales they made on the busy holiday. This added up to nearly \$600.

"This is going into our poppy

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fund," Doering said. "Onehundred percent of it will go back to the veterans who have served their country and the families that support them.'

This fund was established in 1921 by the American Legion Auxiliary. According to Auxiliary history, the organization adopted the poppy as its memorial flower and pledged its use to benefit America's servicemen and their families. It continues to be the inspiration in providing a financial and therapeutic benefit to those veterans who are hospitalized and disabled. In addition, it also benefits thousands of other veterans and their families.

Helping the community is what Stuart's prides itself on. They are raising money and giving to various organiza-tions each year, including local

rescue dog shelters. Last year they gave to the Novi Fire Department a donation meant for the purchase of new lifesaving equipment.

"We are very pleased to be able to give back and help out with some great causes," Gabriel said. "It's about making sure the assistance gets to the right place for the right reason."

Stuart's, named after Gabriel's own rescue dog, is a family-owned business at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Doering says the legion usually has to go out and generate some help themselves, but this time a business came to them. This help will go a long way.

The American Legion post is located at 100 W. Dunlap and can be reached at (248) 349-1060. It recently merged with the neighboring Novi Post.

TECH SAVVY Cloud: A new way to compute

BY JON GUNNELLS **GUEST COLUMNIST**

here's a relatively new type of cloud around and it's much easier to spell or pronounce than cumulonimbus. This cloud also doesn't store rain - instead, it stores massive amounts of data that you can access from any computer, tablet, or

laptop that you use. The concept of storing all of your personal data: music, files,

seem simple, but it has already

Cloud technology has been used by people and companies for a while but really became mainstream earlier this month when Apple announced its new file storage system called

iCloud. Apple isn't the first tech company to roll out cloud storage services - Amazon and Google had them first. But in classic Apple fashion, they turned cloud computing from a tech term, into a mainstream term in just a few days.

HOW IT WORKS

Instead of using piles of thumb drives or external hard drives to store data (like large music collections) users can store all of their music in their

personal cloud.

Users can access their cloud from their desktop computer, work laptop, a friend's iPad or any device they do use. This means users can access their data (like memory-hogging music files) from their work computer, or iPad, without downloading any files.

Just like a user can access their e-mail account from any device without downloading information, users can access any data they previously stored in a cloud because it is stored on a central server.

Cloud computing makes accessing data more convenient, makes backing up data more convenient and is also cheap. Amazon.com for example, offers 10 GB of free storage for users and if history has shown us anything, its that storage space grows exponentially cheaper.

END OF OPERATING SYSTEMS?

Cloud computing has already changed the way computer users and tech companies look at computing. Recently, Google rolled out their Chromebook (minilaptop) that has no operating system. That means there is no start menu, file folders, or registry files. Instead, the device is run on applications much like a tablet or smart phone.

It is likely Google's goal, to have every Chromebook user storing their information on a Google cloud. Cloud computing and app-based computing may seem strange, but the prospect of those functions becoming more widespread is

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a strong possibility. I don't think cloud computing and app-based computing will completely phase out traditional computer storage and operation completely because there are a need for both models.

While app-based and cloudbased computing have convenience factors, and help speed up your computer, who wants to store his/her sensitive information like tax documents on a cloud run in a server farm by a huge tech company?

If your cloud gets hacked your sensitive information could be stolen and worse yet, your account could get hacked. On the other hand, app-based computing means you can't get a Trojan virus on your computer that eats away at your computer hard drive and steals your passwords. Under each model you lose and gain safety in different places.

That's why cloud computing and app-based computing are so incredible. When combined with traditional systems and the right security precautions computer users can gain more flexibility and safety while computing, without spending a lot of coin.

Jon Gunnells, a Northville Township resident, is a social media planner at a Detroit-based advertising agency. A 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, he holds a B.A. in journalism. When he's not working, Gunnells enjoys college sports, social media, driving and playing basketball. He can be reached at jonathan gunnelis@ gmail com. Follow him on Twitter @ GunnShOw.



Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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Michigan retail sales steady in May

Michigan's improved retail sales held steady in May despite a slight increase

in the state's unemployment rate, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey conducted by Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

"May was a virtual replay of April and sus-tained that month's sales gains," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and chief executive officer. "Sales remained steady and didn't fall back to their March level."

"Retailers remain cautious about the econ-omy and the lack of new jobs," he continued, "but falling gasoline prices should help bolster consumer spending and retailers' optimism."

The state's unemployment rate rose 0.1 percent in May to 10.3 percent.

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in July offered by the Oakland County **Business Center. Business Basics workshops** are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops take place at the Oakland County Executive Office **Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac** Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics. visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

Pre-Business Research

Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland **County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's** Source, Oakland County Market Research division and a business reference librarian. Attendees will receive an orientation to the FastTrac NewVenture program, making them eligible to receive a scholarship to the next 10week program, reducing the cost \$700 to just \$140.

Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Michigan Retail Index for May found that 53 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 37 percent recorded declines and 10 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 53.5, up slightly from 53.1 in April (42.9 in March).

Index values above 50 generally indicate an increase in overall retail activity.

Looking forward, 42 percent of retailers expect sales during June-August to increase

over the same period last year, while 16 percent project a decrease and 42 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 60.5, down slightly from 60.9 in April (63.8 in March).

Sales increased across many trade lines, with apparel the largest exception. Only 30

percent of apparel retailers reported higher sales from a year ago, while 60 percent said sales declined.

(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.

Aug. 3: SBA Forum on Small Business Lending

Aug. 9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (p.m.)

Aug. 11: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (pm.)

This workshop is free but pre-registration is

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and harness the collective ingenuity of the

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Aug. 4: Social Media Marketing III (p.m.)

Aug. 10: CEED Microloan Orientation

Social Media Marketing Part 1

Aug. 2: Effective Networking (p.m.)

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

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Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if

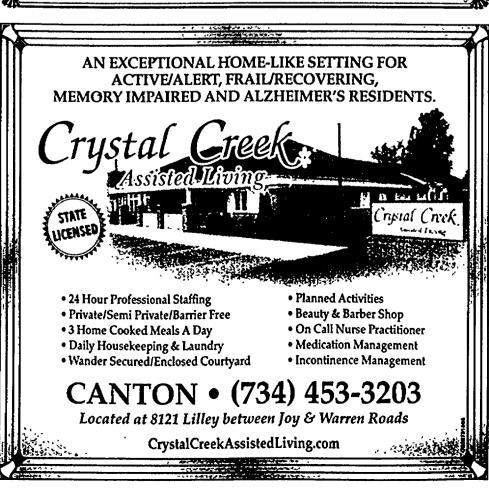
an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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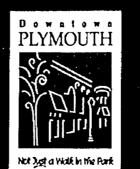
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OUR VIEWS



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER | NORTHYRLE RECORD/NOYI NEWS Be sure to use proper flag etiquette when displaying the flag on Monday, Independence Day.

Flying our flag on the Fourth

A chance to show respect to our country's symbol

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the recent Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and, on Monday, Independence Day -- all designed to allow American citizens opportunities to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains guidelines (if you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties): Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for Monday – Independence Day?



Cooking out with family and friends, and remembering my grandmother, who was born on the Fourth of July.

Jennifer Nielsen Dearborn Heights



We have no plans right now. Hanging out at home, but it depends on the weather. We may rent a pontoon boat.

Jeanice Fisher Novi



I'm going up north to Gaylord to my sister and brother's. Judi Blake Northville Township

Going to the parade here (in Northville). Pam Briggs

Pam Briggs Plymouth Township

LETTERS

A new concept for education

The struggle for delivery of literacy in many school systems is weak. Studies showing a lack of basic knowledge in American history and its many heroes annoys me the most.

Throwing money at bad systems and corrupt bureaucracies does not work. Magnet schools helped some, yet as with any enterprise, only broad competition creates sustainable paths to Buality.

Lacking progress over time, all communities will adjust to the lowest denominator, so disintegration of bad systems is essential to correct the paradigm. We all want American children to have a useful education.

Maybe our state should look at unloading bad school situations into new competitive tracks, setting specific rules and measurements of progress. Guardians and parents should be involved and required to participate in the effort to educate. As mediocrity thrives in federal bureaucracies (excepting our military) and unions rarely lead best results, states should act with dispatch in troubled situation.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name,

address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following

formats, 100 400 400 401 A SturgAple. Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178

Fax: (248) 437-3386

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife. com.

Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the

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It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things not to do with the American flag:

• Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

• Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

• Do not use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

• Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more, and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As the Fourth of July approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

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 Each student should be given vouchers for educational use at the acceptable options, public or private. Unions should not control education.

Defeating literacy issues require intense educational programs in basic learning skills from preschool through sixth grade as the more fertile windows of learning potential to ignite the engines of learning. If early education is lost there is no catching up. In grades thereafter, forget this mainlining nonsense, separate students by indications of aptitude and skills to maximize the benefit.

Vouchers continue to be useful then for smaller focused groups fitted to the student needs and choice. Education done by a teacher/facilitator as leader of small groups devoted highly to use all Internet access tools to employ the most talented course instructors in America. Such a plan could dump the stagnant middle and high schools, replacing coed years of preening, hormones, social promotions, and certainly limit the dropout problem, too.

Build the authority of our teachers and facilitators to deal directly with parents and students using current organizational bureaucrats as counselors to work with students and parents on life skills.

Jim Nowka Northville

Streets priority over sidewalks

I find it judicrous that the city is spending so much money on replacing perfectly good sidewalks in the downtown area when the side streets are crumbling.

Our street, Fairbrook, between Wing and First, is one such example. Cars continually bottom out when passing over a significant potential sinkhole that has been "patched" year after year. I was told by Jim Gallogy that our street would not be repaired for another 10 years!

Are we going to continue to just put Band-Aids on these gaping wounds, while pouring good money after bad on cosmetic fixes that are unnecessary? How does black concrete fit in with the Victorian theme of the downtown area?

Cindi Brazen Northville Thursday edition.

Relay kudos

The generosity of my neighbors, my family, Connor's Family Dining, and George's Senate in Northville contributed to the tally for the successful Livonia Relay for Life. The event on June 4-5 was a community effort made possible with their help. Every bottle, can, nicket, dime and all monetary donations collected will help with the further research of a cure and treatment for cancer. With your care and concern there is HOPE. Thank you all. Rene' Marietti

Student's plea

I am an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, and I like doing fun stuff in school like band, sports, field trips and activities. I keep hearing in the news that the our government is cutting budgets, so Novi is firing teachers and may have to start cutting fun school activities.

Please tell our government leaders that they have to raise enough money to pay for the learning activities that make school fun and interesting. Thank you.

> Connor Hood Novi

Livonia

Senior party thanks

On behalf of the Novi High School Senior All Night Party 2011, we would like to express our sincerest heartfelt thanks for the generous donations provided by the businesses and families listed below. Without their support, the event would not have been possible. It was a fun and safe event celebrating the hard work of so many of the community's young people. Please show your support by patronizing these establishments.

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> Committee Class of 2011

NEIGHBORS

Life-saving maneuver earns recognition at Brighton Gardens

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

Shannon Halstead knows every second counts when a person is choking. That's why when Donnette Evans, 91, a resident at Brighton Gardens of Northville, began choking on her breakfast, she did not hesitate for one second.

"I jumped up immediately and helped her," Halstead said. "It's the only thing I knew to do. I'm just glad I was there to help her." Halstead says the main

focus of her job is to help take care of the residents at Brighton Gardens. A certified Home Health aide, Halstead works as a lead care manager at the assisted-living home for senior citizens, which is located on Haggerty Road.

Her actions to help someone in need did not surprise Maria Bumbut, a reminiscence coordinator at Brighton Gardens.

"Shannon is a passionate person about this work," Bumbut said. "She goes above and beyond. We really appreciate having her here."

From the perspective of the Northville Township fire and public safety departments, this was more than her just doing her job -- it was a lifesaving act that needed to be commended. And they did that at a meeting of the board of trustees.

Northville Township Fire Chief Richard Marinucci presented Halstead with a civilian award that commends her

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to director of

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PHOTO BY LONNIE HUHMAN

Shannon Halstead (right) performed the Heimlich maneuver on Brighton Gardens of Northville resident Donnette Evans, 91.

on the heroism she displayed on the morning of March 26. When she saw Evans choking she immediately performed life-saving measures, including the Heimlich maneuver. It succeeded. And when the township emergency personnel arrived, Evans was in stable condition. The only thing they had to do was to take her in and make sure there were no other obstructions left in her throat.

Marinucci said seconds count in these types of situations.

"From the 911 call to the arrival of the emergency team. each moment matters. It's a very crucial time because it doesn't take much to do damage, or even permanently harm a person," he said. "So it was a great thing she did, and we thought it was important to recognize her."

Because of the training she had Halstead knew of the potential consequences and acted appropriately. She had recently taken a refresher course in first-aid and lifesaving techniques. It came in handy, but this wasn't the first time she had to react this way. Over a year ago she had another situation when she administered CPR to a woman in distress.

"It felt like the natural thing to do, so at the time I was not overly excited or nervous," she said of her emotions during these two, high-pressure situations. "But afterwards the overwhelming feelings did come over me."

There at least two people, and most likely many others, who are glad that she was there and remained calm and knowledgeable as she did the only thing she knew to do.

Northville residents create new scholarship for Detroit students

Brian and Mary Morrow of Northville Township, both of whom are Wayne **County Assistant Prosecuting** Attorneys, established a small college scholarship, named the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship, to reward the initiative of graduating seniors from the Detroit Public Schools who have been actively involved in community service projects and who desire to continue their education at the college or university level.

Presently, the scholarship is a \$250 non-renewable scholarship, but Brian Morrow indicated that may change in the future.

*My wife and I are hoping to increase the size of the award in future years so that it will be even more meaningful to future recipients. Having two kids ourselves that have either graduated from college or who are in college now, we realize that \$250 doesn't go very far in terms of paying for college."

Brian Morrow, who is the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Division within the Prosecutor's Office, indicated that the scholarship was



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inspired, in part, by a Juvenile Division diversion program that he coordinates within the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office which began operating this year in conjunction with DPS. The program is called Teen Court.

The students from DPS that are involved in the Teen Court program are such quality kids, it really inspired us to want to help out in some small way," he said.

Winners of the scholarship are selected on the basis of

NORTHVILLE ENGAGEMENT

Rhodaback and Hamilton

Sara Rhodaback and Richard Hamilton, both of South Lyon, were to be married Saturday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kim and Molly Rhodaback, of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Penn community service rendered, as well as scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The winner of this year's

scholarship is La'Shay Johnson, a graduating senior from Crockett High School who will be attending Michigan State University next year. She hopes to major in kinesiology and become a physical therapist. At Crockett, Johnson was class valedictorian, class president and National Honor Society treasurer.

State University. The groom-elect is the son of Matthew and Kathleen Hamilton, of Novi. He graduated from Novi High School and earned a bachelor's degree in emergency management from Grand Canyon University. He is a firefighter the City of Allen Park and a former City of Northville firefighter.

Community planning and design firm McKenna Associates, based in sincer. ner() Northville, has promoted Ann

NORTHVILLE NEWSMAKERS

Sarah Traxler

McKenna has provided planning and redevelopment services to several igan communi

munity clients.

"Sarah Traxler is the force behind major successful redevelopment projects that are changing the future of communities by replacing blight and obsolescence with hope and opportunity," said Phillip C. McKenna, AICP, PCP, president and owner of McKenna Associates. "Her work in Saginaw and Wayne Counties has made Sarah one of the state's preeminent community development specialists, with a gift for navigating the sometimes complex word of state and federal programs to ensure communities see maximum value for their citizens."

Traxler received a bachelor's degree from the University of

Bahra & Kau Paul and Kristin Bahra, of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne Bahra, of Minneapolis, Minn., to Eric Robert Kau, of Minneapolis, son of Rick and Debbie Kau, of Waukesha, Minn.

The bride-to-be attended Indiana University and is an overseas sourcing manager for apparel for Target Corporation. The groom-elect earned an MBA from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, and he is a manager of strategic alliances for Best Buy Corporation.

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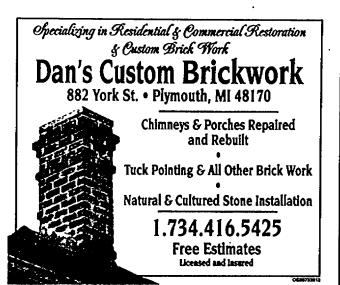
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on July 18, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan 48167 (248-349-1300).

oversee the company's expansion of helping municipalities maximize the benefits of federal programs while continuing to provide community planning and design services to dozens of com-

master's in urban and regional planning from the University of Michigan. She was also elected a board member of the Michigan **Community Development** Association.



Northville Public Schools Attention: Custodial Services

Northville Public Schools is requesting proposals for custodial services. Custodial and cleaning companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

> Northville Public Schools Attn: Michael Zopf, Asst. Superintendent 501 W. Main Street Northville, MI 48167

Northville Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on July 7, 2011 at the Administration Building, Room 302, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. A copy of the RFP will be available on the district's web site (<u>www.northville.k12.mi.us</u>) by July 5, 2011. Potential bidders are asked to e-mail any questions to Mr. Michael Zopf, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations at zopfmi@northville.k12.mi.us

All proposals must be submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Northville Public Schools and be clearly marked: Custodial Services Proposal.

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The purpose of this public hearing will be to solicit public comment on the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) application for the Garage Restaurant to be located at 202 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167 (the former Gardenviews site). The Final PUD application has been submitted by NRG Holdings LLC (Northville Restaurant Group), 40485 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. A Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning is requested for the property and the existing building would be modified for this proposed restaurant. The current zoning for this property is General Commercial District (GCD)

Proposed development plans for this project are available for review at the City of Northville Municipal Building during normal business hours of 8.00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments concerning this development will also be accepted by the City at the above address.

> DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK JIM PENN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 324, subsection .35702 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, twenty-five or more freeholders have Petitioned the County of Wayne, Michigan ("County"), to designate a portion of Main Street in Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as a Natural Beauty Road, being more particularly described as:

Main Street from a point approximately 300.0 feet East of Beck Road to a point approximately 210.0 feet West of Clement Road, located in Section 4, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, being approximately 3,450 feet of 0.654 miles in length.

In accordance with said Act, a Public Hearing will be held, Wednesday, July 20, 2011 starting at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Township, Michigan, to consider designating the above referenced road as a Natural Beauty Road.

During the Public Hearing, a Hearing Examiner of the County shall obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the County' Natural Beauty Roads Evaluation Committee for their recommendation.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act, as amended.

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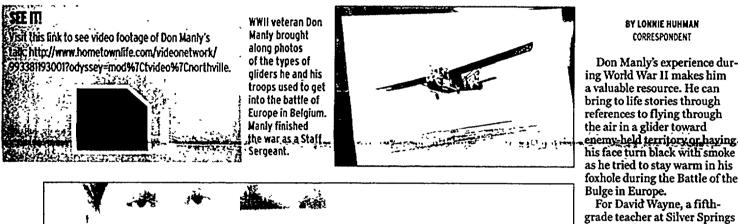
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WWII veteran Don Manly answers questions of David Wayne's Silver Springs classroom on June 14. Manly served in Europe from July 1942 to December 1945 and is the grandfather of Silver Springs students Mark and Julia Baker. Manly's OSA with the students was videotaped as well. Julia is seen just to the right of her grandfather.

WWII vet brings reality of war to Northville classroom

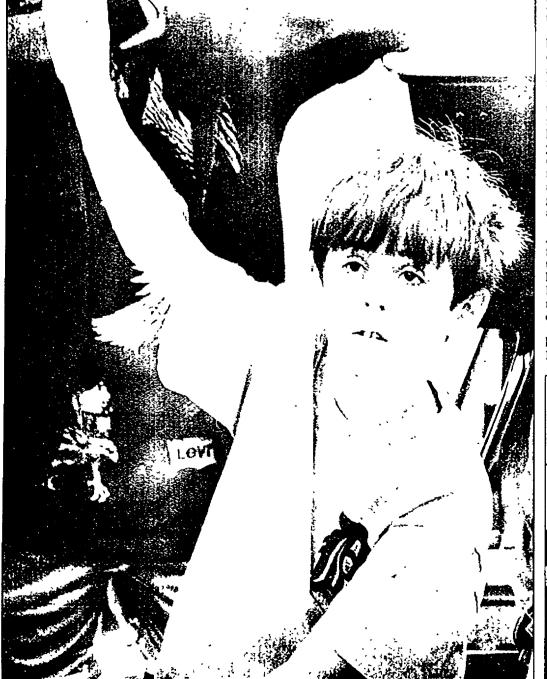


For David Wayne, a fifthgrade teacher at Silver Springs Elementary, Manly is a perfect learning resource. Wayne was delighted to hear that one of his students, Julia Baker, has a grandfather who served during some historical battles in Europe and is willing to speal



World War II veteran Don Manly visits the Silver Springs classroom of David Wayne.

central Europe as the Allies pushed eastward out of



Silver Springs student Sean Splan raises a hand to ask a question of WWII veteran Don Manly.

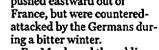
to the class about it.

Wayne thought this would be a great way to give the students a lesson in history and story-telling through a factual, first-hand account.

'It hits home with kids when they hear a real story from a real person," Wayne said. "We have been doing this for 10 years now. I ask if anyone has a connection that we could learn from, and this year we have an actual veteran recalling some great stories with an historical angle."

Manly served with the 550th Airborne Infantry Battalion from 1942-45, and during that time he worked his way up to his final rank of staff sergeant. His talk with students was primarily about giving the kids a chance to ask him questions.

What really stood out in his talk was the Battle of the Bulge, which took place in



For Manly and the soldiers this was a extremely challenging time and frostbite was common.

"At night with a can we would fill it with dirt and put aviation gas in it and light it...for heat," he recounted in detailed manner. "In the morning we would come out and the only thing visible was your eyes."

His stories drew not from any generalized ideas, but rather from what he saw and how he and his fellow soldiers adapted to it.

"To hear it made it a lot easier to visualize," said fifthgrader John Michalak.

Fellow student Courtney Gozdor agreed.

"It was easier to understand because he lived it."



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GOLF OUTINGS

3rd Annual Northville Mustang Boosters Golf Outing/Silent Auction

Date: Saturday, Aug. 27 Location: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: All monies raised will go directly to the Boosters and reinvested into our athletic programs and sports teams as needed. Tickets are \$100 per person, which includes a round of golf, lunch, dinner, open bar and access to the Silent Auction. Student cost is \$75 per person, which includes a round of golf, lunch and dinner. There is also a dinner-only option, which is \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the Silent Auction. Hit a hole in one and you could win a 2011 Lincoln MKZ. There will also be a longest drive contest and a closest to the pin contest for both women and men golfers.

Contact: Carrie Słominski at cslomo2022@yahoo.com

13th Annual Good Grief Outing Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept.

Location: Tanglewood Golf Club. South Lyon

Details: The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$115 per golfer prior to Aug. 1 and \$125 after. Dinneronly is \$35 per person. Channel 4 traffic and news reporter Lauren Podell will be special guest and emcee.

Contact: For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Paltie Bingham at (248) 348-0115

BOARD OF EDUCATION Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Old Village School **City of Northville** CITY COUNCIL Date: First and third Monday of the month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St. **DOWNTOWN** Development

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Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.
Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High
St.
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: City Hall
ARTS COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month

Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St. **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION** Time: 8 a m. Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend. Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B **Northville Township** PLANNING COMMISSION

Date: Last Tuesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Date: Third Thursday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hall ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Date: Third Wednesday of month Time: 7:30 p.m. Location: Township Hale

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LOCAL

Friday Night Concerts

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Fridays, July HAug. 26

Location: Town Square, downtown Northville

Details: Free concerts presented by Tom Holzer Ford and the Northville Downtown Development Authority. July 1 - First Presbyterian Church; July 8 - Randy Brock Group; July 15 Shawn Riley Band; July 22 - Steve King and the Dittilies; July 29 - Zap Toro; Aug. 5 - Buy Michigan Now Festival, Aug. 12 - The Crutches: Aug. 19 - Gia Warner: Aug. 26 - Justine Blazer.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers Location: 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville

Dean Bakopoulos Book Signing Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 1 Details: The author of the awardwinning novel Please Don't Come Back From the Moon returns with My American Unhappiness. In this sophomore release from Dean Bakopoulos, the book follows protégé Zeke Pappas, a borderline alcoholic widower whose project to determine why Americans are so unhappy has become almost obsessive.

Contact: (248) 348-1274 For questions regarding this event, please call Betsy Storrs, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager at (248) 348-1274. Harry Dolan Book Signing Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 9 Details: Michigan resident Harry Dolan's first book, Bad Things Happen, climbed to the top of the bestseller list quickly with its fast-paced plot full of twists and turns. Mystery readers

devoured the book, which the author placed in his hometown of Ann Arbor. With endorsements from writers like Stephen King and Karin Slaughter, Dolan's sequel entitled Yery Bad Men is sure to keep its readers up for another long night of page turning.

18th Annual Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13

Location: Garden Walk Central is at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Avenue, Northville

Details: The Country Garden Club of Northville invites you to attend its Eighteenth Annual Garden Walk featuring six gardens in charming Northville. Other unique attractions include a garden market, live music, and refreshments. Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Cost is \$10; tickets available at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main in downtown Northville, after June 13. Contact: (248) 348-3263; www.cgcnv. org

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Location: 108 E. Main. Northville Contact: (248) 349-0522 **Orin Mazzoni Show** Date: July 14-16 Details: Northville resident Orin Mazzoni is returning home from San Francisco to direct Ethan Coen's "Almost an Evening" and screen his first short film, "Larkin"; dinner, cocktails, posters, DVDs and a meetand-greet.

Northville Community

Senior Center Location: 303 W. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-4140 Portofino on the River Date: July 20 Details: \$45 prepaid, includes transportation, cruise and lunch

Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady St., Northville Contact: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillearts.org



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The Fourth at Mill Race

The 5th Michigan Regiment Band (pictured) brings history of the Civil War Era alive through an authentic historical recreation of a Civil War Regimental Band. The band's repertoire of the 1860s includes marches, polkas, schottisches, waltzes, and songs are performed on antique and replica sax horns and wood rope tension drums. In keeping with the authenticity of the Civil War field regimental bands, it consists of musicians, color guard, and support personnel. They will be performing in the Mill Race Village gazebo at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 4. Two Civil War cannons will highlight the Civil War encampment that will be set up near the Yerkes house by The American Civil War Shooting Association. Other highlights include: The King's 8th Regiment Detroit 1768-1785 demonstrating their weapons; children's races at 1:30 p.m.; docent guided tours from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Ice Cream & Snacks Tent sponsored by the Democratic Club 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; food tent sponsored by Cassel's Restaurant 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Will Race Village is located at 215 Griswold St. in Northville; all events are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Historical Society at 248 348-1845 or visit their website at www.millracenorthville.org.

for on-going art classes, lectures, events, rentals, volunteering. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-9 p.m. on first Fridays of each month Details: Admission to Art House exhibits are always free and open to the public.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

Location: 195 S. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 Contact: (248) 349-7640 or www. northville.org The Northville Chamber presents the 6th Annual Northville Grub Crawi Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 Details: Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Ten restaurants are offering free

samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for "Crawlers". Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "craw!" on their own. 2011 Participating restaurants are Aubree's of Northville, Brann's Steakhouse & Grill, Buckminister's Pub, Edward's Café & Caterers, Five Restaurant, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern and Sizzling Sticks Café Mongolian Style BBO. Tickets are \$30 prepaid (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. **Farmers Market** Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays Location: northwest corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads Details: The area is filled with

Michigan-made, Michigan-grown products.

Mill Race Historical Village

Location: 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field Hours: Office open 9 a.m.1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Village buildings open free to the public 1-4 p.m. Sundays, mid-June to mid-Oct. Contact: (248) 348-1845 Weekly Events (*Grounds closed to public) Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open: 10-11:30 a.m. Ts the Hundred Acre Wood in Northville?" Children's Class Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal Saturday: 3-5 p.m. Wedding*; 6 p.m. Rehearsal Sunday: Village Buildings NOT open

today; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wedding*;

1-3 p.m. wedding*; 3:30-5:30 p.m. web ding*

Monday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Village buildiggs open plus Independence Day festivities, including a Civil War Encampment. music, fun and games. Bring a picnig funch, enjoy the grounds and shop a our new General Store. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket: Guild: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Groud

Fourth of July Activities Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Juty 4

Details: Buildings open after parade. **Civil War Soldiers from American** Civil War Shooting Association will be encamped behind the Yerkes House. Music by 5th Michigan Regiment Band, an authentic Civil War band.





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Novi's Eloff hits, pitches his way to the top

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

¹ It didn't matter where Novi coach Rick Green put junior Jimmy Eloff, he was going to shine.

• Eloff swatted at a .433 clip at the plate and went 4-0 on the mound in six starts with a 3.83 ERA.

"Jimmy is one of the very few captains we've had being a junior. He was a great leader," said Green. "He's intense, a very fierce competitor and gives it all he's got." Eloff led the team with 42 hits in 97 at bats. He also led the team with three home

runs and 61 total bases. He knocked in 27 runs and scored 31 of his own while posting a .629 slugging percentage. He was voted team MVP.

"" "He sets his goals and works extremely hard," said Green. "He's everything a coach could ask for. He's getting better and better." Eloff also puts in the effort in the classroom with a 3.8 grade point.

First team

Logan Regnier, Novi The Novi junior led the Wildcats with a .451 average, in outfield assists with six and in runs batted in with 30. He also scored 24 runs, stole 10 bases and drew nine walks. Regnier also went 3-4 on the mound with a save. He struck out 27 batters in 24.1 innings.

' "He is a very aggressive baserunner who never made mistakes on the base paths," said Green.

Chris Valade, Novi The senior second baseman batted leadoff to the tune of a .427 clip. He led the team with 41 runs scored, 23 walks, 12 doubles and 14 stolen bases. Valade had an on base percentage of .515.

"Chris was a tremendous



Novi's Jimmy Eloff is the 2011 Baseball Player of the Year.

leader on and off the field ... absolutely the best hustler on our team," said Green. "Chris never took a play off. He played determined to succeed. Chris only made two errors all year."

Nick Bageris, Novi The senior third baseman also hit above .400 with a .427 average. Bageris had 38 hits in 89 at bats with 14

walks, 25 runs and 26 RBIs. "Nick did everything I asked him to do after he was just a role player his junior season. He surpassed that and more," said Green. "His shear determination not only

made him a starter, but a great player as well."

Matt Stojkov, Northville The junior Mustang spent time on the infield and at pitcher. He hit .347 with 16 walks, 23 runs scored, 19 RBIs and seven stolen bases. Stojkov went 2-2 as a pitcher, striking out 33 batters in 29.2 innings.

"Matt was one of our main pitchers and was very consistent throughout the whole year," said coach John Kostrzewa. "He was in the top two in virtually all categories in hitting and played solid defense at third." Bobby Dozel, CC The Shamrock senior pro-

The Snamrock senior produced 44 hits in carrying a .386 average, hitting out of the second and third spot in the lineup. Dozel showed plenty of power with 13 doubles, a triple and four home runs to produce 21 RBIs and 22 runs scored. "He helped lead the" Shamrocks to a district and regional title before the seacon come to a close in the

son came to a close in the state quarterfinals. PJ Nowak, CC The Shamrocks senior moved between the second

moved between the second and clean-up spots in the all year and as a sophomore will do nothing but improve," said coach Brett Vaughn. "I cannot wait to see what he does in his last two years. He also led us offensively, providing many key hits throughout the season."

Luke Johnson, Milford The three time All-District catcher also earned All-Conference honors during his senior year. Johnson batted .350 and shared the team lead with nine doubles. He also led with 22 runs batted in while scoring 28 runs.

"Johnson had a great career, batting nearly .350 in his three years on varsity," said Vaughn. "His leadership ability will be missed next year."

Brynn Hamilton, Lakeland

Hamilton led the Eagles in several categories offensively. He posted a .370 average with team-highs including 34 runs, 14 stolen bases and a .509 on base percentage.

Will Martin, South Lyon The Lion junior locked down second base while leading the team with a .409 average, including a teamhigh 15 stolen bases. He posted a 070 fielding percentage

ed a .970 fielding percentage. "Will is an outstanding talent at second base," said coach Nick James. "He was named All-KLAA and the only All-District player from South Lyon. Will also was voted by his team as offensive player MVP."

Pat Powers, South Lyon East

Powers led the Cougars with a .383 average, knocking out 23 hits in 60 at bats. He produced seven doubles, seven walks and six stolen bases.

Second team

Mike Kruse, Novi The Novi senior batted .275

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Northville Solstice Run draws record participation

More than 3,300 people take part in annual event

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The 2011 Northville Solstice Run was one of the record books—and that's not just a figure of speech, either.

The annual event this year drew a record number of participants with more than 3,300 registering and putting their best foot forward. The event again this year was split into three different races with each one having a breakdown of age groups and men's and women's divisions. The three races take place over a 10-mile course, a 10-kilometer course and a 5-kilometer course.

• Winning this year's 10mile event overall was Boaz Cheboiywo of Ypsilanti. He turned in a time of 50 minutes, 57 seconds to take first place out of the 740 runners who participated in that event. Leo Foley, of Howell, was about five minutes behind with a 55:40 to take second while Joe Maki of Ypsilanti took third in 55:41.

Taking the top women's spot was Danielle Savard of Rochester Hills, who ran a one hour and six minute race for 29th overall. The second fastest woman in the race was Katherine Kyle of Grosse Pointe, who ran a 1:07:39 for 37th overall, while Andrea Pulskamp of Plymouth ran a 1:08:01 for 40th overall.

The top male runners from Northville were Todd Conner, who ran a 1:01:26 for ninth place while Jason Lerner ran



Northville was well represented in this past weekend's Solstice Run by current or former Northville High runners Edward Clifton, Chad Cini, Trent Johnson and Colin Riley.

a 1:02:17 for 11th and John Tarkowski ran a 1:05:49 for 24th. The top women from Northville were Jessica Shehab, who ran to 66th in 1:12:32, while Danielle Lamb took 135th in 1:17:48 and Nina Hundley was 159th in 1:19:16.

In the 10-kilometer race, 856 participants crossed the finish line. The first across was Mike Camilieri of Howell who ran a 34:21. Taking second was Justin Goetz of Berkley with a 34:49 while

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Northville High School well represented in Solstice Run

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

lineup, finishing with a :327 average. He knocked out 36

hits, 13 doubles, a triple and

three home runs to plate 22

and scored 26 runs.

Jacob Lee, Milford

RBIs. He also drew 25 walks

Lee proved to be the shut-

down pitcher for the Mavs,

going 6-3 with a 2.72 ERA.

He recorded 42 strikeouts in

51.3 innings, while allowing

just 15 walks. At the plate,

Lee stroked a .389 average

He also knocked in 20 RBIs,

scored 25 runs and drew 10

*Lee was our go-to pitcher

with a team-high 37 hits.

walks.

Glancing over the results from the 2011 Northville Solstice Run, it's refreshing to see that the Northville Mustangs boys and girls cross country runners aren't taking the summer off.

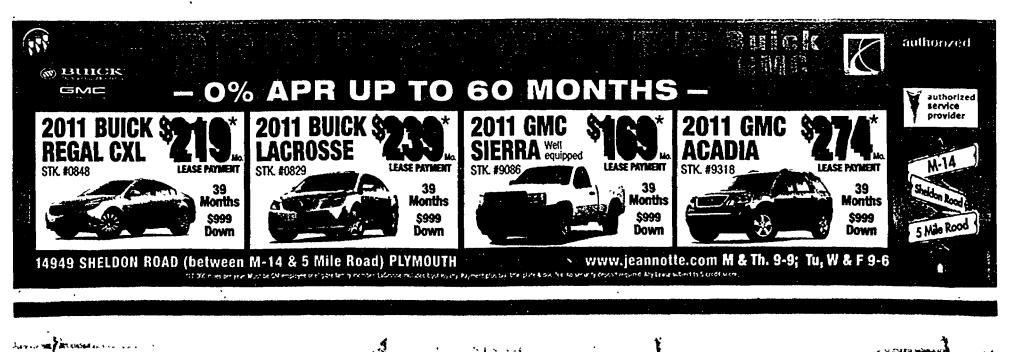
The two cross country boys and girls programs, under the guidance of Chris Cronin and Nancy Smith, respectively, have come to be known as two of the toughest in their conference as well as in the post-season. It's no wonder, with the number of participants in the races.

Take, for example, Jason Lerner and Neson Nesmith, who both ran the grueling 10mile race. Lerner, who is 16, ran a 1:02:17 for 11th overall while taking second in his division of 15- to 19-year-old males. Nesmith, who is 17, ran a 1:09:54 to take 50th overall and sixth in his division.

In the 10-kilometer race, Edward Clifton, a 16-year-old All-State track standout at Northville, ran to third overall and first in his division with a 36:01. Drew Kanya, who is 15, ran a 41:29, which was good for 16th overall and seventh in his division.

The girls were more than adequately represented as well. Nicole Mosteller, 15, ran

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U16 boys division.

Athletic camps

Novi Woods.

pon Aug. 27.

the winner in the 66th minute, advancing

Waza, who had won the under-16 boys

State Cup earlier this month, was the only

Visit http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athlet-

ics for a list of the various sports camps

being run by Novi High School coaches

and student-athletes. All the camps take

place at the high school, middle school or

Camps include girls swimming July 11-

15, cheerleading July 11-14, lacrosse July

18-21, volleyball both July 11-15 and Aug.

16-19, field hockey July 25-30 and pom

11-14, football both July 11-14 and July

Michigan team of the 16 squads in the

into the regional semifinals.

ALL-AREA BASEBALL Player of the Year

Jimmy Eloff, Novi

Logan Regnier, Novi

Chris Valade, Novi

Nick Bageris, Novi

Bobby Dozel, CC

Jacob Lee, Milford

Luke Johnson, Milford

PJ Nowak, CC

Matt Stojkov, Northville

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First team 😔

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys basketball

Cory Heitsch resigned from his position as Novi varsity boys basketball coach last week in order to take over the reins of Hardy Elementary School in South Lyon as its new principal.

Heitsch, who had been teaching third grade in the Walled Lake Consolidated School district while coaching the Wildcats, finished 73-20 in his career at Novi.

*From top down, everyone associated with Novi Athletics was just fantastic," Heitsch said.

Novi will post the coaching vacancy when school resumes after Labor Day.

Boys soccer

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The Waza FC West 95 Black boys soccer team - featuring Novi junior-to-be Matt Wilson - finished 2-1-0 at Regionals last

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Edward Clifton of Northville put up a 36:01 for third.

The top three women in the 10K were Serena Kessley of Ann Arbor, who ran a 38:44 for ninth overall while Northville's Elisabeth Deller ran a 41:51 for 19th and Marie Wolfgram of Ann Arbor recorded a 43:04 for 21st.

The top male runners from



to 36th overall, fourth in the women's category and first

weekend, ending their title run at second place in pool play.

Waza started off the tournament last Saturday with a 2-1 come-from-behind win over KCFC United 94/95 (Kan.). United struck first 25 minutes into the contest before Wilson tied it up in the 39th minute. Donald Payne (Farmington Hills) got the winner in the 75th minute.

Things went smoother Sunday afternoon, as Waza defeated Team Ohio FC Juventus (Ohio) 3-0. Kristian Rego (Bloomfield Township) put Waza on the board in the 26th minute before Payne and Wilson added goals in the 39th and 79th minutes, respectively.

The victory set up the pool play finale Monday morning against Raiders FC (Ill.), who had also won their first two games. The Raiders scored 11 minutes into the contest with Waza before Payne countered in the 49th minute. The Raiders notched

Northville, excluding Clifton,

included Colin Riley, who ran

to fourth in 36:06; Chad Cini,

who ran a 36:30 for sixth;

who was 49th in 46:04.

In the 5K run, there were

over 1,250 people who finished

the race. Winning overall was

in her division, with a time

of 44:34. Joining her in the

race were fellow 15-year-old

runners Rachel Coleman and

Erin Zimmer. Coleman ran a

ing in second in her division

Kevin Debear of Plymouth with a 16:16, while Chris Elsey of Milford turned in a 17:20 for second and Novi's Jeff Girback was third in 17:39.

for the women was Westland's Angela Mathews, who recorded an 18:03 for seventh overall, followed by West Bloomfield's Lindsay Clark in 16th with an 18:48 and Julia Valencia of Walled Lake, who ran a 19:15

Northville's top runners for

and 49th overall. Zimmer was right on her heels, finishing in 46:09 for 50th overall, ninth in the women's category and third in her division.



with 10 extra base hits, 17 walks, 12 stolen bases and 25 runs scored.

Tyler Root, Novi The senior pitcher went 5-2 and capped off his career with a 15-2 record for the Wildcats with a 3.65 ERA. This year, he struck out 59 batters in 57.1 innings.

Brett MacDonald, Northville

MacDonald batted .295 but showed plenty of power for the Mustangs, leading the team with six home runs, 28 RBIs, 24 runs scored and a .590 slugging percentage.

Jeff Gertley, Northville The junior center fielder and pitcher came up clutch at the plate and in the field. He hit .450 with runners in scoring position and finished with a .295 batting average. He drove in 12 RBIs while scoring 23 runs and swiping five bases. He also went 4-3 on the mound with a 2.46

ERA. Mike Tibbits, CC

The CC senior batted leadoff most of the season for the Shamrocks. He produced 32 hits as well as 24 walks while hitting .330. He scored 27 runs.

Ryan Keller, CC The senior infielder batted .328, slapping out 21 hits while drawing 15 walks. He scored 12 runs and knocked in eight as well as slamming three home runs.

Steve Snapp, Lakeland Snapped earned All-KLAA and All-District honors while putting up a .348 average for the year. He led the team with 42 total bases. Other highlights included a 22 RBIs, 18 runs scored and 11 stolen bases.

Tim Wilson, Lakeland Wilson also earned All-**KLAA** and All-District honors. He took the mound in all the key games for the Eagles, striking out 50 in 55.1 innings and finishing 3-6 with three saves. At the plate, he batted .320 with 29 runs scored and 13 stolen bases.

Shane Taylor, South Lyon

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The Lion shortstop batted .403, knocking out 31 hits 🚲 S and carrying a .495 on base percentage. He drew 11 walks' and stole 14 bases.

John Newman, South Lyon

The South Lyon catcher batted .333 and led the Lions with three home runs while knocking in 13 runs and scoring 13 more.

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and Trent Johnson, who was Finishing in the top three 10th in 39:29. The women of Northville, excluding Deller, who turned in the top times were Nicole Mosteller, who was 36th overall in 44:34; Mikelle Adamczyk, who was 42nd in 45:01; and Rachel Coleman,

for 17th.

the men were J.P. Mulcahy,

and eighth out of all women

46:04, which found her finish-There were a slew of other ranks. One such name is Trevor Lerner, who is 14 years old and ran a 20:01. He was first in the 14-and-under boy's division. Taking second in the same division was Conor Naughton, 14, who ran a 20:28, while Alex PUBLIC Chevoor, 13, ran to third in the division with a 21:02. For the girls, Taylor Gattoni, 12, was COURSES second in her division with a 22:38 while Kelsey Macaddino, 12, was third in the division

division, Northville was led by Taylor Gattoni in 22:38, which was good for 71st, while Kelsey Macaddino ran to 76th in 22:48 and Julia Slatin was 109th in 23:58. For complete results, please visit www.solsticerun.org.

who ran to 13th in 18:41, while

Alex Toloff was 18th in 19:32

and Andrew Toloff was 20th

in 19:39. For the women's

- By Chris Jackett

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Northville participants, too,

especially in the 5-kilometer

race. There are quite a few

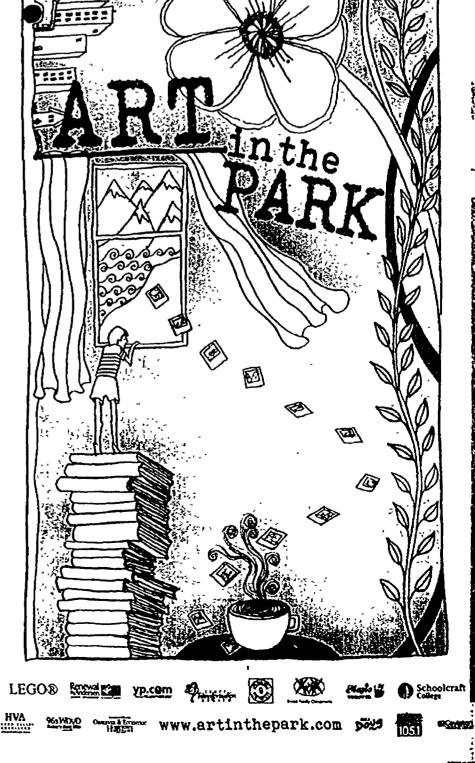
names to watch as the ath-

letes continue to race and join

Northville High School's varsity



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Brighton champs

The 12U Northville Mustangs won the travel baseball tournament at the Brighton Ball Classic in Brighton on June 26, winning all five games - 5-4 over Livingston Crush; 27-0 over Saline Stallions; 13-3 over Fenton Tigers; 14-3 over the Crush; and 14-10 over South Farmington Blues in the championship. Pictured (from left, front) are Alex Tyburski, Karl Finkbeiner, Joey DelCampo, Zac Osaer, Mason Williams; (back) Coach Joe DelCampo, Josh Gutowsky, Andrew Blazo, Alec Seipenko, Tim Elliott, Joe Ruggirello, Assistant Coach Dan Gutowsky and Brandon Recto.

NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Cheer camp

Thirty-three junior cheerleaders recently joined the Northville High School Cheerleaders for a three-day camp. The junior campers learned cheers, chants, tumbling skills, stunting and a short dance. They will also cheer with the NHS cheerleaders in the Northville Fourth of July parade on Monday, Campers who attended the camp included Lauren Bailey, Haley Brown, Kamya Crawford, Isabel Danton, Anna Dranginis, Sophia Ehlers, Kendra Fereshetian, Emma Gniewek, Tess Gonda, Kathleen Heiberger, Julianna Kakish, Alexis Khashan, Sydney Kinsinger, Molly Kovtun, Christine Lark, Elena Lenyo, Marissa Malleck, Aubrey Marquette, Kiana May, Leah McWilliams, Megan Moriarty, Brooke Pendelton, Gabrielle Peterson, Abbey Pheiffer, Jordan Pollitt, Olivia Poupard, Olivia Sherman, Angelina Storm, Leah Styers, Morgan Vereb, Mia Vereb-Hatley, Morgan Vos and Katie Ziparo.

2011-12 middle school athletic admission charge

For the 2011-12 school year there will be an admission charge for home middle school events in volleyball, basketball and swim and dive. The charge will be \$3 adults and \$1 students. The Northville Booster Pass will be accepted at all MS home contest.

Don't miss your chance to purchase a 2011-2012 Northville Athletic Boosters Club Sport Pass. This convenient pass provides admittance to all Northville High School and Middle School sports regular home games.

- A one-time cost of \$125 covers your immediate family including your NHS student or students or \$50 for an individual pass.
- All funds generated from the sales of these pass-
- s goes directly to support Northville Athletics. If you have any questions contact Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.
- Northville Athletic Boosters will be at Hillside's Transition Day on Aug. 29.

Boosters golf outing

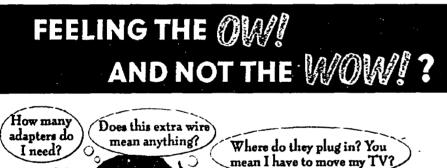
The Third Annual Northville High School Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Links of Novi. The last two years have brought in significant funds for the Boosters program, which is anticipating a greater need than ever from Northville's sports teams for the 2011-2012 school year with budget cuts.

Foursome cost is \$100 per person and includes a round of golf, lunch, dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction. The cost for students is \$75, which includes a round of golf, lunch and dinner. The dinner-only option cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction.

If you have items (sports tickets, gift cards, rentals, timeshares, etc.), you would like to donate to the silent auction, or if you would simply like to be a \$250 Golf Hole Sponsor, please e-mail Donna MacDonald at donna10@comcast.net.

If you would like to register for the golf outing, please e-mail Carrie Slominski at cslomo2022@yahoo.com.







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Keep yourself, loved ones safe in a tornado

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Severe weather has been a major concern this past spring. The American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, offers this advice related to tornado safety.

hursday, June 30, 2011

During any storm, listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings (in which a tornado has been spotted nearby or indicated by weather radar). You should know your community's warning system - communities have different ways of warning residents about tornado danger, with many having sirens intended for outdoor warning purposes.

Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.

You should practice periodic tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado approaches.

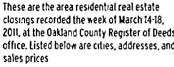
Consider having your safe room reinforced. Plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection can be found on the FEMA website at http://www.fema.gov/ plan/prevent/rms/rmsp453.shtm.

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Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged limbs from trees. Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.

Watch for tornado danger signs, such as dark, often greenish clouds, a phenomenon caused by hail. You may also see a wall cloud, an isolated lowering of the base of a thunderstorm. Also watch for a cloud of debris, large hail, a funnel cloud (a visible rotating extension of the cloud base) or hear a roaring noise.

The safest place for you and your family is an underground shelter, basement or safe room. If none is available, seek a small, windowless





interior room or hallways on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

Mobile homes are not safe during tornados or other severe winds. Do not seek shelter in a hallway or bathroom of a mobile home; if you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, abandon your mobile home Timmediately. To to the nearest

study building or shelter immediately, using your seat belt if driving. Do not wait until you see the tornado.

If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building. If you cannot walk quickly to a shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt

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and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park.

Now you have the following options as a last resort: Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible. If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your care in lie in that area, covering your head with your hands.

Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances.

After a tornado, you should continue listening to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for updates. If you are away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so.

Wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and sturdy shoes when examining your walls, doors, staircases and windows for damage.

Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and report them to the utility company immediately. Stay out of damaged buildings.

Use battery-powered flashlights when examining buildings - do not use candles.

If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out of the building quickly and call the gas company or fire department.

Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance claims. Use the phone only for emergency calls.

Keep all of your animals under your direct control. Clean up spilled medications, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids that could become a fire hazard.

Check for injuries. If you are trained, provide first aid to persons in need until emergency responders arrive.

For more information, visit www. semredcross.org or RedCross.org.

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ihese are the area residential real estate		Bloomfield Hills		1325 Penarth St	\$75,000	27303 Benjamins Way	\$45,000	
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		956 Rockaway Rd	\$160,000	28112 Hawberry Rd	\$182,000	40758 Lenox Park Dr	\$187,000	
Beverly Hills		964 Stratford Ln	\$140,000	36465 Howard Rd \$271,000		South Lyo	South Lyon	
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Lawyer can advise on lot use

Q: My parents own two lots which they always intended to give to my brother and me. I have installed a mobile home on the land near my brother's mobile home. I have built a garage and decided to build a home on the lot. My father and grandfather helped me with site preparation and my dad helped me obtain a building permit which was issued to him. He has also helped with the construction by putting in the foundation, etc. For some reason now he is refusing to give me a deed to the lot. I am wondering what my recourse might be as we are now estranged?

A: Obviously, if you cannot resolve the matter amicably, you may have to bring a suit seeing



specific performance of the promise or damages based upon the value of the house. In a similar case out of state, the Appellate Court held that the trial court should consider whether the facts

Robert Meisner and circumstances, particularly the parents'

general promise to give the land at some time, coupled with their affirmative action in allowing the daughter to build a substantial house on the land, made out a case of what is called promissory estoppel. The court took into consideration that the statements or conduct representing a present commitment to do something in the future reasonably can be expected to induce reliance and can be enforceable. Hopefully, telling your parents of this kind of case decision sent by a lawyer may have a therapeutic effect.

Some states are passing statutes and/or cases upholding the right of an association to collect a transfer fee upon the sale of a unit which goes into the association coffers, but there is much debate and/or controversy about whether a developer can, in effect, create an annuity for itself for an indefinite period of time even if he is out of the project. You should check with your local course to determine whether, in fact; there is a transfer fee, and, whether in fact it is enforceable in your jurisdiction.

Q: An owner advised the board of our condominium of his intention to purchase a plug-in electric vehicle and is requesting permission to install a charging station in his assigned parking space. The parking spaces in our garage are assigned but not owned. How should the board respond and what responsibility does the association board have to allow common elements to be altered to accommodate the charging stations? Who pays for the electric service and what requirements, such as maintenance and insurance, should be assigned to the individual co-owner? Does the board have to obtain approval from the other co-owners? A: This is a very complex and, obviously, bifurcated question. The subject of electric cars and charging stations is becoming a "hot topic" for condominiums. The board should certainly encourage the purchase of electric vehicles and accommodate the necessary stations to service the automobiles to the extent it can reasonably make accommodations which may be difficult or impossible. The board could grant the owners' request to modify the common elements by installing a charging station in the parking space, but will this lead to gas pumps requested to be in garages of condominium units as well? With any consent given, the board will have to determine the means to bill the owner for electricity as a user charge, unless the charging station has a separate meter which the board may wish to require be established. With any addition to the common elements the board may approve, the directors should require the co-owner to provide the necessary insurance and indemnify the association for any damages arising from the use or operation of the station by way of the typical modification agreement which we often provide to our clients. The Association would likely provide for multiple charging stations in a garage and make the maintenance of these facilities part of the common expenses as the board may enhance the marketability of the building by offering this amenity for prospective buyers. In any event, legal counsel should pass on the entire process.

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 21-25, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

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42166 Chase Ct \$205,000 44350 Harsdale Dr \$157,000 7614 Haverhilf Ln \$380,000 6984 Longwood Rd \$230,000 41369 Northwind Dr \$45,000

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43866 Nowland Dr	\$170,000	16464 Cypress Ct	\$300,000	49930 Pointe Xina	\$145,000
47693 River Woods Dr	\$236,000	16115 Homestead Cir	\$257,000	9075 Woodgrove Dr	\$330,000
1333 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$144,000	19583 Northridge Dr	\$60,000	Redford	
Livonia		49759 Parkside Dr	\$355,000	14265 Dixie	\$70,000
36652 Six Mile Rd	\$145,000	116 S Rogers St	\$127,000	9386 Hemingway	\$70,000
37944 Lyndon St	\$93,000	41002 Stone Haven Rd	\$230,000	Westland	•••
20311 Milburn St	\$130,000	39522 Village Run Dr	\$210,000	8617 Cavell St	\$80,000
37522 Northfield Ave	\$230,000	Plymouth		34671 Fairchild St	\$40,000
18609 Renwick St	\$210,000	521 Deer St	\$54,000	35012 Glen St	\$18,000
33426 Vargo Dr	\$203,000	11645 Francis Ave	\$82,000	500 Larchmont Dr	\$101,000
Northville		40414 Newport Dr	\$68,000	33041 Woodworth Ct	\$30,000
17024 Courville Dr	\$370,000	911 Palmer St	\$350,000		

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Real Estate Career

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459- 1700 or laiello@kw.com

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

Designation

The Charles Reinhart Co. announced that 10 real estate agents recently completed the Graduate, Realtor Institute (GRI) class and received their GRI Designation. Agents earning the nationally recognized GRI Designation include: Jason Boggs, Tammi Ebenhoeh, Ann LaCivita, Maris Laporter, Kathryn Linderman, Kari Newman, Lisa Stelter, Deb Stern, Rick Taylor and Melissa Van Dam.

A minimum of 90 hours of intense coursework is required in order to earn a GRI Designation. Subjects covered include: contract law, professional standards, sales and marketing, finance and risk reduction. Obtaining the GRI designation is an additional measure of knowledge and prestige achieved beyond receiving a real estate license.

*As the maze of real estate continues to become more difficult, these individuals have positioned themselves to provide the best possible service to

their clients," said Bill Miller, general manager of the Charles Reinhart Co. "We congratulate them for continuing to increase their knowledge while striving to be their best."

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

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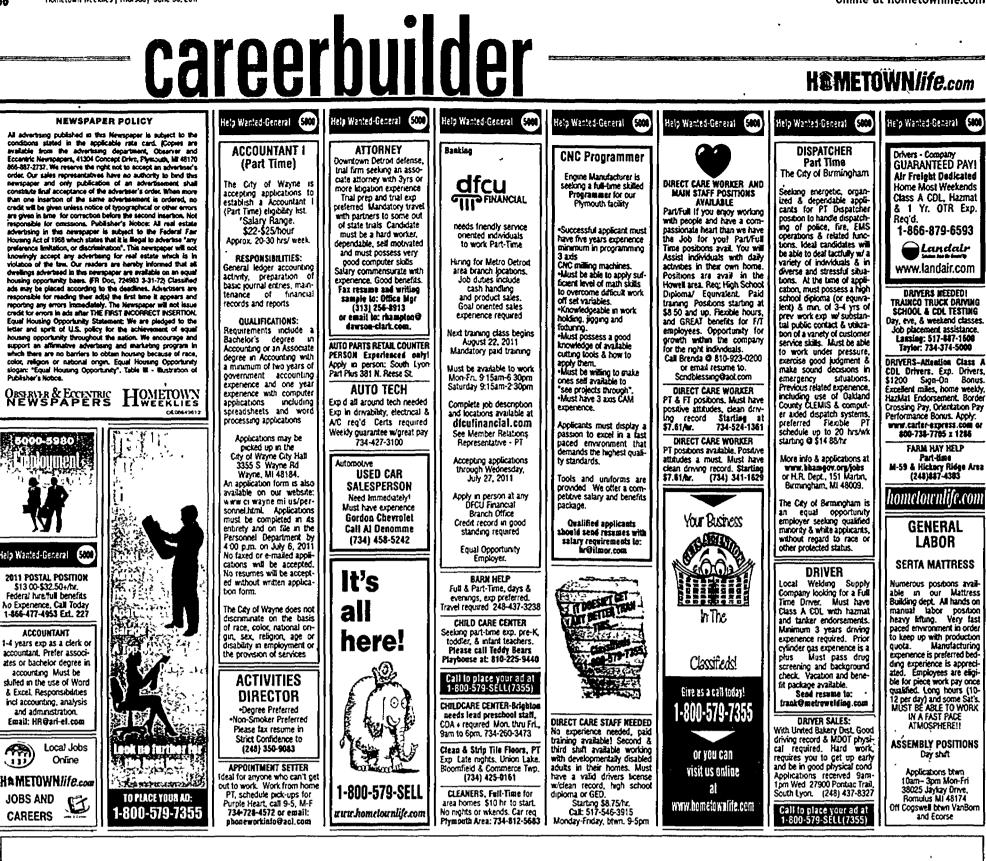
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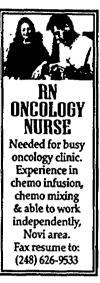


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Three Ways to Begin a Health Care Career

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Look no further than bills from your dentist, gynecologist or maxillofacial surgeon to pinpoint the employment outlook's rising stars. Add demand for them to their paycheck dollars, the winners are unanimous: health care professionals.

Dough, rising Surgeons top the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' list of best-paying jobs, netting a mean salary of \$181,850. Diagnosing and heating the body rakes in serious bread, and health care practitioners hold 13 out of the 15 top-paying job titles. It's not all about how or how much -- it's also about where. No other developed nation dips more into their exchequer for health. In 2001, the United States spent 13.9 percent of its GDP on health care, compared with 7.8 percent for Japan and 9.4 percent for Canada. Health care jobs are opening floodgates for both entry-level practitioners and midcareerists looking to stay ahead of the curve.

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practice 21st century health care has changed, as have career routes. Enrolling into online health care degree programs means you don't have to guit your day job to boost your skills, career, earnings and job satisfaction. They prep you to a serve a growing, aging market from mind to body and from head to toe. The Department of Labor projects a 30.3 percent increase in the number of health care jobs between now and 2014. That equals 4.7 million new health care jobs. As a baccalaureate student or a mid-careerist, where do you fit?

Allied Health

Not keen on hospital politics, med school rotation or 14-hour nurse shifts? There are plenty of other ways to do a body good.

Allied health is about weaving in different skills with one patientfocused objective: sound mind, sound body, sound health care system. On a primary level, surgeons, laboratory technicians, orderlies, and nurses coexist to enable and expedite



patients' recovery. On a peripheral (but equally critical) level, are personal trainers, clinical lab technicians, radiographers, massage therapists, pharmacists, addictions counselors and alternative medicine practitioners. Population growth and regulatory and insurance provider requirements have created record keeping challenges - and a digital frontier. Typewriters and handwritten notes are out, and voice recognition system (VRS) and dictation software are in. Learn to turn "medicalese" into digital voice files - with ICD classification and reimbursement and health care technology. An associate's degree in medical billing and coding is a popular route to a large range of allied health careers:

Medical records specialist Patient services coordinator Health care technician Insurance verification representative

Nursing 2.4 million nursing jobs are projected

for 2014, as well as a critical nursing shortage. Hospitals, clinics, nursing care facilities and public health programs open nurses' doors to a lifetime of opportunities ... and patient doors to recovery.

Part science and part art, nursing boils down to being an "angel in comfortable shoes." The International Council of Nurses defines a nurse as one who gives "autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings." Nurses specialize in gerontology, pharmacy, informatics, education, health care management, nutrition science, health information science and more.

Rapid growth in hospital outpatient facilities, specialized long-term rehabilitation and home health care ensures rich opportunities in nursing and health care management. Nurses wear many hats and take just as many education paths. About 13

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percent of the RN work force has a doctoral or master's degree (source: American Nursing Association). For busy professionals, variations of an online nursing degree offer equally convenient routes to career advancement;

School nurse certificate Forensic nursing Certificate Legal nurse consulting certificate Nurse administrator/educator Master's in geriatric health

Health Care Administrators Can't stomach the sight of blood or lacerated limb? Ditch the scalpel your career options are still plentiful.

Modern-day health care is a whole new ball game - and business - of tools, drugs, and methods. The evolution of financing, integrated delivery systems, regulation and staff restructuring keep hospitals, clinics and medical facilities on their toes. That's where the impact of health care administration comes in.

It is a "hidden" career compared to "frontline" jobs with direct patient interaction. Keen awareness of behind-the-scenes regulatory, business, and management affairs are hallmarks of health care administrators, health information managers and clinical managers who:

Control costs Computerize patient records Recruit workers and increase retention Comply with changing regulations Implement new technology Promote preventive care

The requirements are higher typically a master's degree in health sciences or administration - as is the starting annual salary of \$55,380.

Curricula for online degree programs in health care administration and management are tailored to the evolving dynamics of 21st century medicine, and the busy lifestyle of the 21st century student. Whether you earn an online associate's degree, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, your skills can launch you into a wide range of managerial posts.

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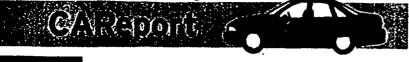


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GM'S NEW CRUZE PRICING OFFERS MORE FOR MORE

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By Dale Buss

General Motors is making small-car pricing moves now with an eye toward how executives envision the industry six months hence. Sure, by raising the price of the next version of Chevrolet's Cruze compact by an average of about \$1,000, and by setting the sticker of the new Chevy Sonic subcompact thousands of dollars above the Aveo it replaces, GM will attempt to make short-term hay in a small-car market where nearly everyone else is choked by short supplies.

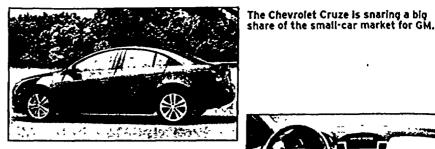
But now, finally competitive in a segment where it was woebegone for decades, GM also is trying to establish a couple of things for the day late this year when Japanese heavyweights finally return in full force.

For one thing, GM wants to get American consumers more used to the idea of paying more for GM's small cars --and, in return, getting more amenities and higher-quality content than they're accustomed to seeing. Plus, if GM can build in a price cushion for six months from now when Toyota Corollas and Honda Civics are likely to be back in full supply at U.S. dealers, GM will be in a better position to continue to compete for customers in what could become a competitive donnybrook of historic proportions.

"Toyota and Honda could price aggressively when they come back, which could lead to an excess of supply in this segment, and price wars," said Jessica Caldwell, senior U.S. industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "Raising prices now as a precursor to that could be helpful, because if GM is going to have to battle Toyota and Honda with incentives, they won't lose as much margin."

Two moves prompt examination of GM's intentions. Recently, the company said that the 2012 version of the Cruze that it introduced last year will cost as much as \$1,045 more than comparable versions of the current model. An LT version of the car with an automatic transmission will be sticker at \$20,220, about \$1,000 more than the 2011 model. The entry-level LS model will be priced at \$17,470, or \$195 more for the new model. And the high-end LT. will start at \$23,860 in the 2012 model year in a few weeks, up nearly \$900 from last year.

The new LT will include as standard a feature package that cost \$525 in the current model and includes Bluetooth phone connectivity, cruise control, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and other amenities. And the fuel efficiency of automatic-transmission turbocharged versions of Cruze will jump to 38 mpg on the highway from 36 in the 2011 model, thanks to changes in the six-speed transmission.



The interior of the LT. illustrates Cruze's ample contenting.

But that still leaves a \$500 increase for similarly equipped cars for the 2012 model year.

Of course, everyone in the small-car game has been raising prices throughout the second quarter. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan hamstrung Toyota, Honda and Nissan production of small cars in North America. Toyota and Ford nudged up official prices across the board in the spring, citing higher commodity prices. And the shortages of small cars, even as American consumer demand was being stoked by higher gasoline prices, meant that incentives dwindled rapidly in deals offered by brands and dealers alike on just about every small and fuel-efficient vehicle in showrooms.

So GM no doubt is taking some short-term advantage of a favorable pricing climate. "It lets consumers know that the current Cruze is cheaper; therefore, if you're in the small-car market – which is still hot despite the decrease in gasoline prices over the last few weeks –you might

want to get into a Cruze before prices go up," said Ivan Drury, a U.S.-industry sales analyst for Edmunds.com. And Cruze is cruising: GM sold more than 98,000 units in the United States this year through May, and its 23,000 sales during the month were tops among

compact cars. But GM's moves have longer-term roots as well. One of them is that, even before the winter run-up in fuel prices, GM, Ford and Hyundai were notably improving the quality of materials in their small cars and the level of amenities and daring to charge higher prices. They were addressing a longterm enhancement of the small-car expectations of American consumers and taking advantage of their willingness to pay for better vehicles instead of just econo boxes of old. "More small cars but at a higher price point and better-equipped - it's reflective of what [former GM Vice Chairman] Bob Lutz actually predicted years ago," said Rebecca Lindland, senior strategist for IHS Automotive, a consulting firm in Lexington, Mass.



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